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The edition of Progress is now so large that it is necessary to put the inside pages to press on Thursday, and no changes of advertisements will be received later than 10 a. m. of that day.

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

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CIRCULATION, 9,000.

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

PAYING FOR PROTECTION.

It is not a pleasant task to expose so much that is wrong in the police force. We would prefer that the exposure should have ended with the COVAY disclosure.

It has gone a good deal farther, much farther than we supposed it could go. It is a matter of regret that the head of the department should not have conducted himself so as to be free from any interrogation from the safety department.

The city authorities have no power to dismiss Mr. CLARKE, but they have the power to prevent him from using the name of the corporation to collect charges for police protection.

We always imagined that every citizen was entitled to protection; that it was the duty of the police to prevent disturbances and, no matter what occasioned a crowd, to be on hand in sufficient force to prevent confusion or disturbance.

We trust that the police committee and the safety department will make this perfectly clear to the chief of police, and that in future the citizens and the taxpayers will have the assurance that no burly officer will wait upon them with a bill from the corporation for imaginary protection.

We could perhaps excuse such a departure for wedding festivities when the policemen seems to have joined the coachmen in their polite robbery, but no such excuse can be urged in the case of a bill presented to the government, for attempting to catch a letter thief who was not captured—in the city. Surely such conduct as this would be inexcusable.

THE DRAWING ROOM TORMENT.

A certain class of people in this world seem to know everything! Their knowledge is simply universal. It seems to exude from them in almost an unceasing flow as the sap from a maple, or the gum from the India rubber tree.

We do not know of any one thing that can cause such discomfort, such discontent, or such a cold, clammy sensation of being enveloped in a wet blanket, as an ordinarily complacent and self-satisfied person with a taste for imparting knowledge in homeopathic doses, suddenly let loose in a roomful of helpless victims with no means of escape.

Some cheerful soul hazards a remark, and the walking encyclopedia, rushes into the conversational avenue thus opened, and wants to know if he or she is sure of it, and how they know.

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to be perpetually dragged out of the ground, to see if we are taking root, as children do plants; and amongst the first and most valuable lessons learned by the thoughtful student of human nature, is the enormous amount of letting alone, that same nature will stand.

NO TROUBLE ABOUT HIM.

This Boy Will Make a Living Anywhere and Keep a Large Family, too.

A boy, thirteen years of age, was around town last week with a well-thumbed note book, setting forth that he was the eldest of a family of seven children living at Coswell, Carleton county, in very straitened circumstances.

According to the boy, Allen was "a lazy brute. He started a saw mill, but it wouldn't work,—sawed a week and then broke down—took two or three months to repair it—then started up again—sawed a couple of boards and then broke down.

The little fellow says he travels free, and this winter intends going into the woods, where he "can do something." If he is as good at everything as he is at collecting, he will make out all right.

THE GOOD TEMPLARS DANCED.

A Subject on Which Two Factions Agreed, But They Wouldn't Mingle.

City of Portland Lodge of Good Templars had a necktie social Wednesday evening. There were quite a large number of Good Templars present. There were also a number present who were a long way off being Good Templars.

Freshness An Important Quality.

Some of PROGRESS' friends frequently forget that it is conducted on lines differing widely from other papers. Its first aim is to obtain matter that has not been touched or mutilated and consequently the editor is compelled to refuse contributions which have lost their freshness in the columns of the daily papers.

How They Bet in the Freight Sheds.

Two clerks in the I. C. R. freight department made a bet the other day that showed how much some government employees know about scripture.

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THE REV. SAM ON THE BOARDS.

Impressions of the Well-Known Lecturer—Suggestion for His Consideration.

The Rev. Sam Small held a large audience in the Mechanics Institute spellbound for two hours, on Tuesday night, while he talked about himself. They laughed and cried, and applauded, at his will.

In appearance the lecturer is petite and ethereal in the extreme, and there is a great deal more that makes one think of the world, the flesh, etc., than of the pulpit in his general make-up.

He wears a very large blond mustache, full evening dress, including the regulation swallow tail, and a generous supply of shirt front, liberally sprinkled with gold studs. Truth compels one to say that he has the most fragile manner of standing before an audience it was ever the writer's fate to witness.

The Rev. Sam is gifted with a ready tongue, though his delivery is decidedly stilted until towards the end of his lecture, where he warms up into at least an appearance of spontaneity. His language is vigorous and forcible, but to those unaccustomed to the ways of some evangelists, it sounds at times profane to the verge of blasphemy.

There are some beautiful solos in Jephtha, and Mrs. Allen did full justice to them. Her rendering of "The Building Days of Happy Days" was very charming, and the air "Farewell Ye Limpid Springs" was exquisitely sung.

POEMS WRITTEN FOR "PROGRESS."

My Son. 'Tis not I grudge him that to far off land Where Peace abides, and Labor is at rest; 'Tis that I miss him so in daily life, In cares; in pleasures; in his holy quest.

Enigma.

Two rivals the homage of one heart And each her own peculiar joys impart; Though different as is night from day you'll find The one suggests the other to the mind.

Enigma.

I am built of eight letters; and the student who looks From me to the sky, from the sky to his books, Will find that four syllables fashion my name, All in length and in number of letters the same.

She Did Not Go to the Concert.

Mrs. Williams is a colored woman living on Victoria street with Mr. Williams. Their tastes differ in some respects, and when they differ there is an unpleasantness.

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

Last week I had not time nor space to say one half of what I wanted to, about the Oratorio Concerts.

I had to leave the choruses out altogether, and they were really what I wanted to speak of most. In Sanson, I think, the concerted music went better than in Jephtha. The attack was better, although in the opening "Awake the Trumpet's Lofly Sound," it was hardly decided enough, and in the repetition of the same, the tenors took their lead a bar behind the Alto's, and of course, threw all the parts in confusion.

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NOUVELLES FRANCAISES.

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THE CAPACITY OF THE AVERAGE WOMAN FOR BOOK KEEPING.

The average woman's incapacity for figures or accounts is a theme which has been oftentimes discussed by humorists and political economists alike. Nevertheless, that woman is, indeed, hard to find who has not some time kept an account book, as she delights to call it, of the various household expenses, or such of them as she happens to remember.

FOR WASHING MRS. GOFF'S.

For washing Mrs. Goff's. Oh, woman! leave other things if you will, but never neglect your combs. Fagin.

SHE HAD TOILED IN VAIN.

Some Tragedies in Life Other Than Those That Kill. Only a little woman who had planned and toiled in vain.

It is sad when disappointment comes to the strong but ah! how pitiful when it comes to the weak.

The circuit court was to be opened that day in the old court-house near at hand and she had thought, thrifty little woman that she was, to earn a few odd dollars, as was her wont, from the jury men and others who would come there for dinner from day to day.

So she rose early and worked very hard but cheerily all the morning cooking for the visitors and singing while she worked, as only a mother can sing, to keep baby from fretting.

But, as often happens now-a-days—alas for the good old times when clients were rich and quarrelsome—there were no cases ready to be tried before His Honor. At noon the court was adjourned, and everybody went away.

On Sept. 16th, at the Canadian Baptist Mission House, Bobbili India, by Rev. George Churchill, assisted by Rev. R. Sanford, A. M., of Bimlipithi, Herbert F. Laflamme, missionary, Yellamanchili, India, to Frenetta Irene, eldest daughter of the late George Giff, of Wollville, Nova Scotia.

it, or else from a purse-prond love of display, which led them to show all whom it might concern that they had the fifty cents required to admit them for two evenings to the best society. They certainly did not come to enjoy the music.

The Oratorio Society of St. John is something that the city has great reason to be proud of. Many cities twice the size of St. John might well be proud of it, and when we are treated to two such entertainments as were given last week, the least we can do is to show some little appreciation of the effort made to give us an evening's pleasure.

Those who have visited the Mechanics' Institute, lately for the first time since its renovation cannot fail to be struck by the wonderful improvement in its appearance, indeed in its new aspect the old building is really something to be proud of—once you get inside. The painting and decoration is the work of R. Barbour & Son's and reflects great credit upon them for the artistic manner in which it is carried out.

"PROGRESS" AND ITS PATRONS.

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