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

ELECT BETTER MEN.

It is understood that several members of the common council believe, with Progress, that the aldermen should be elected by the citizens at large, instead of by separate ward elections, as at present.

So long, therefore, as the council contains a majority of men who know that they have not the confidence of the people, so long will it oppose any change in the system of civic elections.

The time for such legislation was when the act of union was made. The people would have endorsed it, beyond a doubt.

The result could be accomplished, despite the common council, if two or three earnest workers were to take the matter in hand and present it to the legislature as coming from the people.

It is scarcely worth while to reiterate the manifest advantages of having aldermen who represent the ratepayers of the city rather than the interests of this ward or that.

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And the time to begin is NOW.

SENSATIONALISM IN THE PULPIT.

An editorial in Progress embodying the substance of the New York Sun's charges against Rev. T. DEWITT TALMAGE, appears to have excited a good deal of interest among the readers of this paper.

Mr. TALMAGE appears to be simply an exaggeration of a type of ministers that has been developed in the last generation or so. In the old times the clergymen, like the newspaper, were content to do their work on certain recognized lines, outside of which only rare ability, such as that possessed by WHITFIELD dared to venture.

Later in an age and in a country when the desire for notoriety amounted almost to a vice, and where the craving was for novelty in things both temporal and spiritual, some of them were tempted to pass beyond the old time limits and advertise their sermons as a merchant would his wares.

handsomely. If he be, as asserted, a "humbler," it is because the public have made him so. He is to the religious world what BARNUM is to the amusement world—a man of wonderful enterprise, who can gauge the popular taste and cater to it, whether it be a healthy one or not.

There may be ministers who condemn TALMAGE who would be quite willing to take his place if they had the opportunity and ability. A good many have striven in that direction, but as they have never risen above mediocrity, no notice has been taken of them.

Whether the tendency of the day is toward more or less sensationalism, remains to be seen. No just judgment can be formed from isolated, though conspicuous, instances. In some places there is a keen competition among clergymen to draw the crowd, and the most attractive, even if sensational, subjects are chosen.

Yet it must be remembered that in these days the preaching of dry doctrine will not suffice. The tendency is more and more toward the practical application of christianity to everyday life, and the clergyman who can most successfully make this application is the one who does the most good.

To be useful a preacher must not only be sincere, but he must impress others with the belief that he is so. Then he may deal with the topics that touch most closely the affairs of life, and his work will not be in vain.

THEY REPUDIATED IT.

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No alderman who is fit for his place and tries to do his duty has any reason for opposing this paper.

ENLARGE THE CHAMBER.

When St. John and Portland were united, there was some talk of enlarging the common chamber by taking in the adjoining apartments. Of late nothing has been heard of this, although as matters now are the room is altogether too small for the requirements of so large a city.

The newspaper reports give only a partial idea of what is done. The citizens may know the actual business that is transacted, but they get no idea of how the aldermen transact it. They should see and hear for themselves how their representatives behave, and they can then better judge whether they are well or badly represented.

The only possible objection to a large audience is that some of the more windy aldermen might be tempted to talk even more than they do now, and indefinitely prolong debates of trifling import. This



Do Not Use any other Tea than Eagle Chop.

evil would remedy itself after a little. The public are pretty good critics, and soon learn to distinguish between the men who come to the point and the men who waste the city's time in unnecessary talk.

There is, of course, the item of expense of alterations to be considered, but that would be small in comparison with the benefits to be derived from the improvements.

WRONG REASONING.

Last year New York spent \$1,000,000 for champagne, and while the rich were drinking it and cringing, 1,500 poor people in their midst starved to death, and thousands of other suffered for bare necessities.

If 1,500 people starved to death in New York, which seems exceedingly improbable, would they not have starved all the same if the champagne had not been drunk?

It is possible that in some future age the law of nations and of common sense will be so amended that a thief will be considered a thief and be punished as such wherever he goes.

In reply to a question by a member of parliament, Mr. SCHREIBER states that passes on the Intercolonial are issued to editors of newspapers, ministers of provincial governments and railway men.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

They Want Sample Rooms. To the Editor of Progress: Your article on "Sample Rooms" is to the point. I should like to see something of the kind started here, and would give the scheme substantial support.

St. John is improving. To keep pace with the increasing travel, you must have a first-class hotel, and it will pay well.

Perhaps our correspondent is hardly fair in saying that Americans pass by in summer because the hotels do not suit. Usually it is because they (the hotels) are full.

SUNDRY HITS AND HINTS.

How are you fixed for aldermen in your ward? February has gone out like a lamb, but March has 31 chances to get even with it.

They say that the hearings in the Walton case have been more edifying than the average minstrel show.

There isn't much said about local politics just now, but there will be lots of fun when the time comes.

If you want anything done in your ward, you can get it, or the promise of it, any time between now and election day.

Five men have paid \$2 each to learn that the country market is not a smoking-room. They will know better next time.

The only certain thing about the Walton case, from the outset, was that the St. John detectives would not get any of the reward.

Halifax may not be the most immoral city in Canada, but the shady side of life comes to the front oftener there than any place else.

The Nova Scotia judges had a regular common council row on the bench, the other day, and it was all about a question of judicial propriety.

Only two candidates for the mayoralty in the field so far. Come, gentlemen, this won't do. Bring along your applicants for the \$1,000 salary.

Another sign of spring—George Moffatt gave an organ recital at Chaloner's corner last Tuesday, and will soon be time for Chief Kerr's buttonhole bouquet.

It may be possible for the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick to sit down on Past Grand Chaplain Macdougall, but it can't flatten him out worth a cent.

The "Behring Sea question" continues to be discussed by the American papers, though it isn't of half as much general interest as the seeing beer question.

The announcement that Whittier has received \$1,000 for his last poem is likely to encourage poets, and a new set of pigeon-holes may be required in Progress office.

Detective Grose appears to have thought the season so far advanced that this was a pretty green country. He has found that the people are not so green as they look.

"Before leaving St. John Marshall Cameron called for the bill and settled it," says the Charlottonet Patriot. Yes, his own bill, but he did not settle that of Mrs. Weeks. She paid for herself.

So the question of lighting the city by electricity is settled at last. If the council had accepted the Calkin tender at the outset, the work of fitting up would have been well advanced by this time.

A Nova Scotian claims that a small seed left between the pages of a closed book has grown to a plant. There must have been some dirt there, for it to take root. Perhaps the book was a modern realistic novel.

PERTINENT PERSONALS.

Mr. Bliss Carman has been appointed to a position on the staff of the New York Independent. While Mr. Carman is to be congratulated, as also is the Independent, for men of his calibre are not to be had wholesale or for the asking, and moreover, in securing his services, it does much to increase its interest for Canadians.

QUATRAINS.

This One Thing. Who seeks one thing in life, That one thing will attain; But who divides his strife, Will seek all things in vain.

Unrecognized. How many a deed that's lost among the years, How many a word to which no praise was given, How many a song that pleases not our ears

Fate Conquered. When adverse Fate's last blow Is spent, and we still live, Her stores she'll open throw, And all we ask for give.

Send us 43 cents and we will forward, prepaid, a pair of LADIES' UNDERVESTS. Same goods as last year at 60 cents. BARNES & MURRAY, 17 Charlotte Street.

Look on this Picture, And then on this. THE TRIUMPH OF THE SELF-WRINGER. THE NEW WAY. THE OLD WAY. SOMETHING ENTIRELY NEW. One of the most sensible, useful and valuable Household Inventions ever offered to the public.

READ THIS! W. H. Fry, Official Stenographer writes: My machine has been in continual use since August, 1885, and this is a specimen of my work: Manifold Eight Copies with a soft roller. I have made on this machine during the Cuddy trial, with a hard roller, from Ten to Twelve Copies. I pin my faith to the Caligraph. This is the best manifold machine in the market, in addition to its other points of superiority.

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES. How many things there are going on in the musical portion of St. John, even if it is Lent. The band concert (which I cannot notice this week) and the organ recital and sacred concert in the Leinster street Baptist church, which I attended, as a matter of course. I must say I have heard better concerts, but then I also have heard worse, and I fancy one always has to take the bitter with the sweet in this class of entertainment as well as in every other.