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A MORAL IN IT, SOMEWHERE. There seems to be a moral for the government in the case of ALBERT DOI GE. a clerk in the freight shed, now under arrest for embezzlement. The amount he is charged with taking is about five thousand dollars, and it is claimed that this deficiency was the result of one month's operations. At the same time it is alleged that for a year or two past, DODGE, who was in receipt of about ten dollars a week salary,

has been living at the rate of about thirty dollars a week.

DODGE appears to have kept a memorandum of the amounts taken within the last month. This raises a theory, in his favor, that he intended to replace them, but how? The inference is that, having no means of his own, he might borrow from fresh funds coming into his hands. It may be that he has been doing this in the past, and certainly if he has been living at the rate alleged and lending friends sums of \$200 and the like, the presumption is not an unfair one. It would seem to be quite possible for him to do so under what appears to be the loose system in vogue in that department of the railway. The government organ in St. John, in speaking of the operations of the last month, says that it would be impossible for his superior to discover anything wrong when the receipts were handed in each day. This may be, but it ought not to be. When men employed on miserable wages have the handling of perhaps \$1,000 a day, there ought to be some kind of a check on them. They may mean to be honest, as DODGE doubtless did, but there is a strong temptation for them to "borrow" when they know they can do so with impunity. The junior clerks in some of the banks do not get high wages, but they do not have the handling of funds of the institution unchecked for a month at a time. Nor is there a private concern inthe country that would conduct its affairs in the same slipshod way. However far Dodge is culpable, he owes his present position largely to the way in which his superiors made the wrong doing a strong temptation for him. A curious feature of the affair is that up to the moment of his arrest he seems to have had no apprehension of being detected. There must be something radically wrong about a system under which a man can take thousands of dollars and imagine the appropriation will not be discovered. And there is a moral in it, somewhere.

There must be a reason and the two period of their lives. places to seek for it are in the teaching staff and the business management.

province, leads to an inquiry into the

cause.

The ability of the professorial staff cannot be questioned, but we regret to say that as much cannot be said of the energy of the management. The chancellor of the university, Dr. HARRISON, directs its affairs, and it is to him that the senate of the institution must look for an explanation. The lack of interest in the college and the talling off in attendance can only be explained in our opinion by bad manage-

What has been done, we may ask, during the long-too long-vacation of months to bring the university of New Brunswick before the people? Have modern methods been employed; has the for students? We do not think the answer to these questions can be other than

negative. While almost every institution in the provinces had some advertisements in the public press; the people looked in vain for alive; while every head was school or college was going a from town to town, from village to village, calling upon parents and distributing their calendars showing their record for the past year, no representative of the university

print. To wait until the collegiate year has begun to print the annual calendar is has an aversion to it. about as ridiculous as to bring down a public report after the adjournment of the unlike any educational institution in the maritime provinces. No sooner are their are published and scattered broadcast among the people.

If the provincial institution is to go ahead and prosper it must keep abreast of the times; it must be modern in its methods, energetic and progressive in its man- by the copy cutter. The chances are that agement. It must have an active and capable chancellor.

SOME WORDS AND PHRASES. A correspondent of one of our esteemed country exchanges has made an improvement on the time-honored statement that "the sad event has cast a deep gloom over the entire community." He says that a "wave of sadness" has swept over the village on the account of the death of some respected resident. The phrase is terse and a trifle poetical. It is just the style that some papers like, but all the same the society editor of PROGRESS should not be voted a brute, if in his judgment it would be judicious to omit it from the social and personal notes of Backawayback, or any other place. There are a number of other words and phrases that are supposed to be omitted. and usually are when the copy is not edited in too much of a hurry. It is not denied that some of them have special merits and intrinsic beauties which should entitle them to better usage. The very antiquity of many gives them a claim to respect, and the writers doubtless feel that they give a roundness and a ring to the sentences which is wanting in a short and explicit statement of cold facts. This is quite true, but in striving to get the largest amount of news into the compass of an unyielding column, even rotundity and resonance are matters of secondary consideration There are some words and phrases that are apt to be misleading when perused by an unsophisticated native or a foreigner not familiar with the elasticity of the English language. When one is told that Miss GOLDENHAIR made "a flying visit" to some place, he may fancy that he sees her speeding through the air with fluttering wings, like a dear bird of passage. It may be otherwise when a flying visit is made by a man. Poetry does not invest the human male with wings, but does ascribe such appendages to he demons. tion it is interesting to note the attendance The New Zealander of the future, on the and compare the number of new students broken arch of London bridge, must not have a chance to make a back number of PROGRESS, the authority for an essay on the extinct race of flying people in the nineteenth century. Then there is another phrase which, in welcoming the return of a lady to town, her back." Surely, it is her face they would prefer to see, for they saw her back when she went away. The expression is well intended, but a shade ambiguous. In other cases, certain words are redundant and supererogatory, because under given conditions certain facts are always understood. Nine out of ten accounts of

Everybody understands that they are happy then, whatever they may be at a later

So, also, it is not necessary to take up space to show that human sympathy is found in society circles. When a correspondent writes that "the many friends of the popular Miss LIGHTHEELS will be pleased to learn that she has recovered from her recent illness," the blue pencil eats up thirteen of the words and the sentence reads that "Miss LIGHTHEELS has recovered," etc. Should she not recover, it will be generally understood that her stricken relatives "have the sympathy of a large circle of their friends in their sad bereavement," without saying so in print. It is always in order for triends to feel sympathy

at such times with the possible exception of cases where a man gets rid of a terror of a wife, or a woman is relieved from a brute chancellor been energetic in his search of a husband. Then congratulations would be in order, though it might not be good taste to say so in print.

Such are some of the words and phrases which it is not necessary for correspondents to use. There are many more which

need not be enumerated. Sometimes, to any sign that the provincial institution the delight of the writers, they appear in print: at more times they do not. When of they are caught on the fly in future, the writers will understand the reason. There is no reflection on the style, which as already stated is often beautiful, sometimes poetical and nearly always has the merit was abroad and no recent calendar was in of being venerable. The only trouble is that the practical and unpoetic blue pencil

Nor need any sensitive writer think that she is the particular one who writes roundlegislature. In this respect the university is ed sentences and finds them squared in print. The very best of correspondentssome whose places it would be difficult to academic years ended than their calendars fill-have their peculiar idioms, which, without being faulty, are not necessary for the purposes of PROGRESS. When these writers miss some sentences that may have seemed very sweet to them, they must not infer that their language is not appreciated it is. He may even almost drop a tear over a pet phrase, as he blots it out forever.

PROGRESS is under such obligations to

in the attendance of male students from the needless to speak of the "happy" couple. coroners on this side of the line, is debating JOYS AND WOES OF OTHER PLACES. whether the cat did not suck away the woman's breath and so cause her death. Tribune. As the deceased had been missing for a

> week, there could not have been much breath for the cat to get at when discovered. The singular superstition arises from the fact that cats will lie on a child's chest because there is a soft resting place, and because, too, the animal is companionable and affectionate. If the cat is very heavy and the child very weak the weight may be injurious or possibly fatal, but the cat is innocent of any wrong intent. The idea of a grown person being injured is absurd. Few people are blessed with breaths that a self respecting cat would want to suck, if it could, and it is physically impossible that it could do so if it so desired.

The Thirteen club, of New York, deserves honorable recognition for the work it has done in teaching people to be above silly superstitions about lucky and unlucky days and things. At its dinner on the 13th instant, when thirteen times thirteen guests sat down at 8.13 o'clock, however, some bad taste was shown. The guests sat at tables spread with black cloths and the wine was served in skulls, while a funeral march was played. Death and the grave ought not to be the subject of satire at such a time. The more that one realizes the true purpose of life the less superstitious he ought to be, yet at the same time, the more reverence he should feel for all that pertains to the great transition from this life to the life beyond.

It is quite possible that Mr. ROBERT REED may consider the statement of PROGRESS in regard to the OWENS Art Gallery is designed to annoy him and inure that institution. There is no such intention. The point of the matter is that Mr. REED blames the people because they have not encouraged art, as he understands art, and have stood aloof while he labored on to carry out an ideal of his own. Everybody understands that Mr. REED is sincere in what he does, and acts as he believes is for the best. Nevertheless the people do not seem in sympathy with his efforts, and it can hardly be claimed that this is alto-

Exploit of a Noted Man. John Smith has painted his house .- Windsor

Armstrong Must Be Fond of It. The succulent clam is now in daily demand .- St Andrews Beacon.

Yet He Is Only Mortal and an Editor. Grand High Priest Alley left by yesterday's ex press for Truro.-Sydney Sun.

A Carleton County Phenomenon. On Sunday, the 2nd inst., a wave of sadness swep over the entire community .- Sentinel.

Invasion of Woodstock, N. S. A racoon invaded this place lately and carried off lot of the farmer's seed corn .- Yarmouth Light.

Latest from Port Greville. The fall winds are blowing again warning us that the golden summer time is past -Windsor Tribune

A Good Man's Bad Luck.

Deacon Amos Pitman has two litters of fine pigs, 16 in number, just too late for the fair .-- Yarmouth Light.

Presentation to an Editor.

We were presented on Wednesday with a bunch of cultivated strawberry blossoms, grown in the garden of W. G. Roop .- Digby Courier.

Remedy-Make Some Acquaintances. It is dangerous for a person unacquainted to walk out after nightfall for the man holes and loose planks n our walks .- Bear River Cor. Courier.

The Crop that Never Fails.

Poets are as plentiful as the leaves in summer time. We prefer prose. Our waste-basket is groaning beneath the burden of verses innumerable. -Canada

Enough Cabbage-Heads There Now.

A curiosity in the shape of a cabbage was left at The Times office yesterday. It was three heads growing from one root on three distinct stalks .--Moncton Times.

Is Tobacco So Scarce?

Grand Manan is becoming quite a market for saw dust, which is used for smoking purposes. The schr. Little Annie is to leave Digby with quite : large quantity .- Digby Telegram.

New Terrors Added to Matrimony.

A matter which deserves the attention of the town authorities is the outrageous rowdyism which is practised in connection with the celebration of weddings in this town .- Truro News.

West Pubnico Begins to Hustle. Our pound had not been used for obout five years until the other day when there happened to be a strange steer, which had the range of nearly all the fields, was put in for a security .-- Yarmouth Light.

Not Hankering After Advice.

W. B .- We are sorry you object to mixing the

man fixed the rates and such "cutting" had to be reported to the power of management. It was only by their resolution that the rates were changed and they did so only after the fullest investigation linto the surrounding circumstances. It was in this way the director said that the price of arc lights had gone down to fifteen cents per night and of incandescent to one cent a night. There was no chance whatever of profit in arc lights under twenty-five cents per night, and so far as the incandescents are concerned they cannot be run at a profit under two cents, and he claims that three cents is not too much for them.

Every story of course has two sides to it and the claim of the Gas company is that their side has not been published. In all its phases it is an interesting one. and i the affairs of both the rival companies go on in the same way it is possible that it may be told in the near future. PROGRESS is convinced that it is to the interest of the people that both the Gas and Electric Light company and the Consolidated Electric Light company should be in the lighting field, but there is no sense or profit in cutting and slashing rates the way they have been doing. Neither is it to the advantage of the people in the end tor if an arrangement between them is ever made it is quite likely that the losses they have sustained in the past will be taken into consideration in their tariff for the future.

A Catastrophe with a Moral.

There was once a little kitten with a coat so soft and grey, and a prouder little kitten I've not met in many a day. Now a lady loved this kitten, and it was her whim to deck with a lovely azure ribbon this little kitten's neck. In the next-door neighbor's garden almost any sunny day, you could see a snow white kitten among the flowers play. Now the grey cat loved the white cat, but he said with conscious pride, "Until she too wears a ribbon she ne'er can be my bride. So upon the fence I'll perch me, that this kitten fair may see how my lovely azure ribbon make me more select than she. He climbed the fence so lightly alas, how sad the tale !- for he fell, the azure ribbon catching first upon a nail. Then the heartless snow-white kitten, call-

THE UNIVERSITY'S NEED.

The educational institutions of the maritime provinces have begun another academical or collegiate year, and in this connecseeking the different halls of learning.

We have already spoken of the marked Mr. BUSBY is another veteran who began favor extended to two of the younger instiaway down as an assistant in a little station, tutions in this province at St. Martins and and was advanced step by step to the po-Rothesay, and the report from Mount Allisition he has filled so ably for the last eleven son is also of a very encouraging nature. years. His first connection with the road Even the ancient college of Kings at says that "her friends will be glad to see was as far back as 1857 and with each year his duties and responsibilities have in-Windsor have awakenseems to ed to modern, aggressive methods creased. He has been a hard worker, so and has branched out in the much so that a year or two ago the close establishment of a law school in this city. attention to the multiplying duties of his In Wolfville, there is a steady growth in inposition began to seriously affect his terest, and the attention paid to the practihealth. He is one of those kind hearted. cal side of education in the erection and genial men who are popular in all ranks of partial endowment of a technical school the service. From one end of the line to as a part of "fair Acadia" has created a weddings asserts that "the presents were the other, only good words have been favorable opinion among very many who numerous and costly," when nobody supheard of him, even from the chronic kickincline to the belief that Greek, latin and posed they were few and cheap, nor is it ers. mathematics are not the first requisites for necessary to say the supper was It would have been difficult for the gova business life. sumptuous, because it is quite uncommon ernment to have superannuated three more In this province we are, as a people, to have merely bread and cheese or doughpopular officials than Messrs. WALLACE, more concerned in the prosperity of the nuts and apples on high festal occasions in WHITNEY and BUSBY. society circles. In the same way dancing university at Fredericton than in any other is supposed to be kept up "until a late or because it is a provincial institution largely In justice to an oppressed and persesupported from the public treasury. Rerather early hour," or "until the we sma" cuted race, it is time ignorant people were disabused of the belief that a cat can hours," without the need of making a garding it as more closely allied to the "suck the breath" of anybody. A woman common school system than any othersolemn allegation of the fact. It may be proper to state there was a "quiet wed- was found dead in Brooklyn, the other the keystone, as it were, of our educational arch, this feeling is but natural and the fact ding," lest some foreign reader might sup- | day, and when found, a large black cat was that there is a decrease in the matriculating pose there was a general hullabaloo and sitting on her chest. The coroner, who class of this year, and a marked falling off disturbance of the peace, but it is quite is probably as wise as some of his fellow-

the faithful and earnest contributiors of social news, that it can have only good words for them and their work. It is not finding fault when it tells them of their little peculiarities, now and then. It is simply pointing out how they may save time by not writing phrases that are not likely to appear. Pointers are valuable, and the better "newspaper stuff" there is in a girl the more every little pointer will be appreciated by her.

THREE POPULAR OFFICIALS.

The long talked of changes in the staff of the general officers of the I. C. R. at Moncton have been made at last. Mr. TAYLOR, general freight agent, retires to be succeeded by Mr. WALLACE; Mr. F. R. F. BROWN, formerly of the C. P. R. is the successor of mechanical superintendent WHITNEY, while Mr. BUSBY will take a much needed rest, knowing that he has an efficient successor, as general passenger agent, in Mr. JOHN M. LYONS, who has been a most valuable auxilary to him in the past.

The three gentlemen who retire have rendered the railway long and faithful service. Each of them gained his position by a knowledge of railway

work which was the result of experience begun in minor positions and added to step by step as merit was rewarded by promotion. Mr. WALLACE started on the old E. & N. A. railway in 1865, before there was an Intercolonial or the Dominion of Canada had an existence. "HARRY" WHITNEY, as the boys affectionately call him, first of all served a thorough apprenticeship in a St. John foundry, served as fireman on a locomotive, became driver and went through the various departments of the repair shop. He understands railway machinery in all its moods and tenses, and his twenty years of service as mechanical superintendent have gained him a most honorable record.

gether their fault.

Boston people, in recent intervals between eating beans and talking politics, have been wagging their tongues about a statue to JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY. The money for it, some \$20,000, has been raised by admirers of the dead poet, but some of the other folks think there should be some statues of Boston men erected first. The answer made is that it is open for the friends of any deceased worthy to put up a monument in his memory, if they can raise the money as O'REILLY's friends have done. Boston has been critical about its statuary ever since it accepted the COGSWELL fountain, some years ago.

A journal in the position of Canada should know better than to speak of the 'episcopal church," in referring to the Church of England in this province. An episcopal church in the QUEEN's dominions is any church which has bishops with valid consecration. Such a corporate title as the episcopal church is not known in the statutes or the canons, though the name of "protestant episcopal" has been saddled on the church in the United States. It is, however, an Americanism that will be abolished some day.

The announcement that JAMES SLAVIN is to be hanged at Cornwall, Ont., on the 16th of December recalls the fact that on the 11th of that month it will be just thirtyfive years since PATRICK SLAVIN was hanged in St. John. It was the last time there was a public execution in this city.

A realistic account of the Columbian celebration in Chicago, specially prepared to explain the illustrations, will be found on the tenth page of PROGRESS this week. It could not be helped; there was no other way of utilizing the cut.

The New York Thirteen club should adopt twenty-four hour time, so as to be able to begin a banquet at 13.13 o'clock.

POEMS WRITTEN FOR "PROGRESS

In Memoriam Bishop Medley. Sleep on beneath the shade of that grand pile Of massive stone, with spacious chancel, aisie, The church that knew thy faithful work and zeal, And effort for thy flock's eternal weal. Thy people mourn thee, yet in heart rejoice Though silent now thy dear familiar voice, For in the "many mansions" glorious, bright, Thou hast found peace and rest, eternal light. FERG.

Marion Gray.

In a darkened room one summer day, On a flower decked couch, a maiden lay, Thro' the closed shutters the sweet wind blew And a fair bright sungleam struggied thro'; Falling, soft as an angel's kiss.

dvertisements and the reading matter, but if the management should seek to follow the advice of every crank in the country, the paper would be ompelled to suspend publication in a few months.-Canada.

What They Are Doing in Woodstock,

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and no raveyard or cemetery in the town of Woodstock. eople are already applying all over town for chance to bury their dead, and finally bury in their own gardens, or having none themselves depend oon the charity of their neighbors .- Press. Already the people are carting their dead all over

town, looking for and actually begging a chance to oury them .- Sentinel.

TWO SIDES TO THE STORY.

in the Cutting and Slashing by the Rival Electric Companies.

Electricity as a lighting agent and power is becoming more popular every month in this city, and while the majority of concerns that use it pay for it on a contract basis, yet there are many who prefer to pay simply for what they use. In order to do this the companies supplying the electricity will put in meters to measure the amount that passes through them. It is very well known that in the case of gas there is an officer appointed by the dominion government to inspect the meters and see that they are all right. If this measure of protection is due people in the case of gas it is also due in the case of electricity, and PROGRESS understands that a move has been made by the St. John Gas and Electric Light company towards effecting this object. The proper

authorities have been written to and the matter is under consideration at present. Some of the electric meters in use at present are so simple that a child almost could read them as easily as the employe of the company who takes the "readings," but others again called Edison meters are not constructed in this way, the parts of the meter having to be taken to the office of the company to be weighed in order to determine the amount of electricity that has been used. While this meter is believed to be superior in many respects to others in use, the method of determining the measure is not so satisfactory of course, as in the case where it can be read

by any person. In conversation with PROGRESS a few days ago, a director of the gas company was inclined to disagree with some of the statements made in this paper a short time ago respecting recent increase in the rates for incandescent and electric lights recently announced by his corporation. He said that it had up to this time and perhaps was so still a struggle between rival companies. and the outcome, unless a uniform arrangement was agreed upon. was probably the survival of the fittest. The old story of

approached to find out the reason claimed

they were receiving lower rates from their

rivals. The St. John Gas company was

ed a lover black as night, and they sat and laughed together at the grey cat's sorry plight. The grey cat hung there choking, and while cold death dimmed his sight, he saw the black and white cats making love with all their might. There's a moral to this story, as you can plainly see, and the person it applies to may any of us be. Whene'er you think your neighbors are not good enough for you, you may share the fate of pussy with his ribbon fine and blue, and while dying you are thinking how the world will miss your face, you may see some poor plebian who is filling well your place.

Where to Get Your Furs.

The attractive advertisement of a firm new to many of PROGRESS readers, but better known in Eastern New Brunswick and Nova Scotia as any house in the maritime provinces, appears on the seventh page of this issue. The name of Dunlap, Cooke & Co., is synonymous with enterprise and success in Amherst, the home office of the firm, which has two branches in Nova Scotia and one in far Vancouver. Their advertisement in this week is addressed to those ladies and gentlemen looking for winter furs. Many maritime province people have looked to Upper Canada for these goods heretofore, not because they have not been manufactured in this section of Canada, but because those who do make up furs have not make the fact known outside of their own town. Messrs. Dunlap, Cooke & Co. will doubtless secure the ear of maritime purchasers of

The Halifax Kandy Kitchen.

It may interest many to read the announcement elsewhere in these columns of the "Kandy Kitchen," Halifax. A Karn piano and a gold watch are the prizes to be awarded to the successful guessers. In order that there should not be the faintest idea of collusion on his part, Mr. Hodge, the proprietor had the glass jar filled with the candies and sealed by four disinterested citizens in the presence of about 1000 people. Every ten cent purchase entitles a person to a guess. The piano is on exhibition in the "Kandy Kitchen" window, and is a fine instrument.

All Will Want to Hear Mr. Wiman.

Mr. Erastus Wiman's name came to the front very prominently in election matters a year or two ago, but his tour through the maritime provinces this month has nothing to do with any of the party issues. He professes to discuss certain live topics from an economic point of view, and the subject of "Anglo-Saxon Unity," which he will deal with at the Institute next Friday night, is one that should interest people of all opinions. It is not necessary to predict that Mr. Wiman is sure of a full house in this city.

An Evening's Entertainment. Gibson Clarke Mosher comes from Wind-

On those sweet lips whose smile of bliss Will haunt me till my doom.

I fell on my knees in my bitter grief; Vainly in tears I sought relief; Like a flower culled from the Garden of Life She lay there dead, my promised wife, With a holy peace on her pearl white brow. Ah, oft do I dream that I see her now, As she lay in that silent room.

Sweet Marion Gray, my heart's fair queen, Still do I grieve o'er the might have been; But the tale of thy pure young life is told-Age shall ne'er dim thy head's young gold; Sorrow and care cannot touch thee, sweet, In all the long years until we meet In the land beyond the tomb!

ROBIN ADAIR.

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their

sor, Nova Scotia, to give an entertainthe cutting and slashing of the Calkin company was repeated and the Gas comment in the Opera House, Tuesday, pany claims to have undoubted evidence October 25. He is recommended to that the reduction was made in an under-PROGRESS by a gentleman who speaks in hand way by their rivals. At any rate they glowing terms of his ability to entertain an audience, PROGRESS trusts that the audihave the evidence of their books, which ence will please Mr. Mosher and Mr. that for one or two months Mosher will please the audience. customers deserted them very rapidly and on being ap-

A Chance for Bright Boys. PROGRESS has six new fountain pens-'perfect beauties"-worth \$2.50 each, for the first six boys who become PROGRESS agents in towns and village in the maritime under a disadvantage, if it can be called so, provinces where this paper is not sold of being a corporation in which no one now.