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# ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, SEPT. 29.

THE CITY OF CULTURE STRIKE. General FRANCIS A. WALKER, the great Amercian writer on political science, admitted that CHARLES DICKENS was a good judge of human nature, but said that he of in the pages of romance is saved from was a poor political economist. The latter the guillotine. part of General WALKER's statement concerning DICKENS was due to a perusal

WALKER. Honest words and honest prop- stble advertiser does not want to do.

of the Century, two writers tell how they recently gave exhibitions of bicycling in China. The interest of the natives was so great that the cyclists found themselves nampered by as great a crowd as in civilized countries gathers around a nutshell takir. Now that the Japanese have given to the world an illustration of the efficacy

In that entertaining article "Across

Asia on a Bicycle," in the October number

of modern naval equipments, the Chinese should pursue their awakened interest in the bicycle, and apply the plans lately brought forth by nations now at peace in

regard to the use of the bicycle in war. The Chinamen of St. John, some of whom have made an advance towards civilization by going to Sunday school this week,

should begin to prepare for their draft by attending the morning meets at the Singer Bicycle Academy."

The story of a terrible crime comes from Paris. Last winter a young Englishman married a French girl below his .own rank in opposition to the wishes of his father, a British general. Disowned by his father and disgusted by the change in his social condition wrought by the alliance, the husband persuaded his bride to commit suicide. This plan failing he shot her dead. The crime shows such an utter lack of manliness on the part of the Englishman, that one would not expect that any jury, particularly one of the same nationalty the murdered woman, would agree that the fact that the pair were of unequal rank was an "extenuating circumstance." But this is what the jury did; and the precious neck of a more worthless villain than ever was read

The rich man rides in chaises

But the poor man treads the daisies, of "Hard Times." No better vindication is a couplet which Printer's Ink endorsof the author of that powerful novel as a esisan "exceedingly appropriate quotagood political economist-no better proof tion for the advertisement of a liveryman, that the study of human nature is a trust- Printer's Ink is an authority on advertising, worthy key to a knowledge of economics but it seems to have nodded in making this -was ever given than the Chicago strike. statement. The poet has made the lot of The recent strike of fifty thousand gar- the poor man "who leaves the daisies rosy" ment workers in Boston is another triumph seem far better and happier and more for DICKENS-another refutation of some of poetical than the lot of the man in the the theories of GRADGRIND and General chaise, which is exactly what a livery-

## VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY An Old Seventy-Four.

am nothing now but a shattered old hulk,

With not even a sail or mast, Laid up in the dock to rot and to sulk, And to brag of the days that are past, There is only one gua, an old cracked one, That is left me here on my deck. From which hot shot in the days that are not I fired from this shattered old wreck. Despoiled and berett, and with nothing left, I am kept here, who knows why? Save to tell the old tales till my memory fails Of the glorious days gone by-Of the battles I fought, of the din of war, If the times of peace, the voyages far Into many a sea and clime That I made in the good old well-rigged time, When life was without a care

And 1 in my strength and prime Now, far away to the tropic isles, Where the love birds of Paradise flash through th

air, And the year's long summer sleeps lingering there And the deep blue heaven smiles-Now, to the North, where the icebergs high Topple all flishing against the sky, Or into the seas at their bases lashing, plitting, fall with a sudden crashing, And the white gulls startled fly.

You may laugh if you choose, and scorn and abuse Those good old saining days-You may boast of your steam and your wheels and it year after year, when of them goes back

your screws, And all your new-fangled ways; But for beauty and grace you must take second place,

However your use you praise. h, yes! for a braver and gallanter sight On the ocean you never will find Chan an old three-master, its canvas white All rounded out to the windot hammering, panting along the sea With a ceaseless splashing and noise, But almost flying, bending, careening, Now up erect, now sideways leaning, With an ever-shifting poise. Ab, that was sailing ! ab, that was living ! How we went in those days! how we went! The winds from heaven their impulse giving,

And we joying in what they sent ! How we played with the storm and laughed with the tempest, As und r their pressure we bent, The wild seas leaping, and rushing, and sweep

ing Over our decks and sides; Our sharp prow lifting high up, and cleaving The dark blue billows before it heaving, As over them bravely it rides; Or downward stooping and into them swooping. MAs greenly they yawned beneath.

Into their deep black caverns scooping, With a foam-bone in its teeth-Vhile above at the masthead flying free,

And playing with the wind, Streamed the good old flag, and after us sweeping Came the following gulls, their orbed wings dipping In the toam-fringed edge of the billows upleaping

In the rustling wake behind. - N. W. Story, in Blackwood's Magazine.

#### The Insanitary Kiss.

[The following verses from the British Medica] fournal are respectfully submitted to Dr. Christie : met my modest Minnie by the windmill in the trees; We walked smorg the lilies, those that neither toil nor spin; But a demon danced between us, and he bawled above the breeze, "You may love the little lady, her affections you may win, But kissing is a sanitary sir."

married her one morning, in the churchyard down the lane, Far away from all the trouble and the turmoi

every day in the week and twice on Sunand the din.

#### "OUR BOYS" IN BOSTON. be one of the principals in a swell wedding about as follows: MR. LARSEN MEETS A GREATMANY which will come off next month. ST. JOHN PEOPLE

A letter like this will probably give the impression that I have met every St. John In Boston and New York-They are al boy that has ever left home, but I haven't. Doing Well, Especially the Newspaper

Men-Our Boston Correspondent Talks Dr. Maher and George Hoben, the north end dentist and druggist, were both here BOSTON, Sept. 25.-You meet St. John last week on their way home from Virginia, and they will bear out the above statement.

and perhaps tell a long story about the movements of newspaper men.

I met one St. John man Labor day give the impression that there can be hardly however, who finds it interesting to make comparisons between the way Boston and St. John people do things. I refer to Mr. Thomas Kedey, who was formerly in the dry goods business on Union and King streets.

> He is now the proprietor of a flourishing establishment in same the line, in Cambridge, and when I saw him he was going out to the South end grounds to see the ball game.

> "They have a queer way of doing things up here," he remarked, during the ride out. "We kept open this morning and did a rushing business. You would be surprised at the number of women who bought trim. med hats and other things to wear this afternoon. Now in St. John the women would be preparing for a holiday three weeks ahead.'

That was one of the greatest truths ever ttered in regard to the habits of the American people, and perhaps explains why the effects of financial panic are so plainly evident about a week after the drop falls. R. G. LARSEN.

mething About its Book-keeping and Other School Matters.

The St. John school board, by its decisive action with regard to various important matters at its last meeting, appears, whether impelled by the force of public opinion or the inward consciousness of its members of a sense of duty unfulfilled, to have realized that the eve of the public is upon them, and that it they would continue to hold their position as trustees, they must arise and shake from their feet the dust of ing equipment when the powers that be inaction and hesitancy.

It may be quite true that they may have many matters to deal with that may be distasteful to individual members, but they should remember that a trustee is, as the name implies, one in whom trust is reposed, "particularly one to whom property or an they have by not proceeding promptly to institution is committed in behalf of others, or for public uses :" and they should deal with all matters which may come before them, officially, with precisely the same promptness and decision, that they would use, were their own affairs under consideration, instead of a public trust.

who will be interested to know that be will \$25,000. The annual expense would be

Interest \$25,000 at 4 pe	er cent		1600
Insurance \$10,000 at 5	0 cts		50
Repairs per annum			100
Fuel			200
F uel			2
are a subset of the	Total.	\$1	1350

Very little in excess of the present expenditure, with double the accommodation and healthful well ventilated rooms !

The internal affairs of the gramma school are in a deplorable condition, and want of space prevents me from taking up this subject fully in this issue, but I shall assuredly deal with it at an early date. I understand that a move has been made in the direction of a thorough investigation and reconstrustion, and I sincerely trust that this move may not for any reason prove an abortive one. If the trustees know and feel that there is any incompetency in this or any other department. let them uproot it immediately.

I am quite aware that " comparisons are odious," but what parent having a tamily of children, some of whom are attending the Grammar school and the Girl's High school, can help comparing their relative position and progress?

The finance committee of the St. John school board as at present constituted is another farce concerning which I shall also soon have something to say. I feel however, that for this issue at least I have given the school board and the public subject for serious consideration.

RATEPAYER.

THE FERRY FLOATS.

Interesting Proceedings in Regard to the Carleton Ferry.

The usually placid surface of the new council is very seldom ruffled by any breeze of discontent. When any does occur it is very apt to be in the ferry committee when Carleton's diplomats are accustomed to sit. It has, it seems, been the custom of the politicans of the west side to do all in their power to keep down the expense account in every possible way, so that the day of a free ferry might come the more quickly. For that reason the ferry committee and superintendent Glasgow did not want to go to the expense of providing a life savat Ottawa required them.

For the same reason they have not been

THE SCHOOL BOARD.

### he meets day in and day out people he used to know in St. John. But St. John is a great feeder. No matter how many of its young men leave

of his Recent Visit to St. John.

When one has been away from the city

for a couple of years and gets the provin-

cial papers regularly the personal columns

any of the old faces left in the town, and

anyone who is around Boston much has

this impressed upon him more deeply when

he finds so many old triends still there that

he begins think that he is the only exodian.

That was my experience a week or so ago,

and I have no doubt that it has been the

experience of many others who have gone

home during the vacation season, and have

telt better tor it. Home is where your

triends are, and none can make you teel

so genuinely a home like one's old triends.

You like to meet them, no matter whether

it is in St. John, Boston, or in Africa, and

although the metropolis of the provinces is

much the same year in year out so far as

the makeup of its population is concerned,

a St. John man is tolerably sursof seeing

The day I returned to Boston I met

Harry Moran, the advertising hustler of

Scovil, Fraser & Co. He had three other

provincialists with him, Mr. Carr of the

North end and two others, and a few mo-

ments later we had the pleasure of meeting

another St. John man whose middle name

is as well known perhaps as that of any

man on the press of Boston. I refer to

Mr. William N. Ritchie, the cartoonist

who published the "Jury" in St. John

Mr. Ritchie has been the leading artist

for the Boston Post since it came under

its present management, and his cartoons

and pictures signed Norman appear almost

about the time PROGRESS was started.

a familiar face no matter where he goes.

people everywhere.

ositions that they were open to conviction upon-these were the weapons of the strikers. The sentiment of the employees was not "Do this, or by JINGO-"; it was "Come, let us reason together." It was an appeal to the honesty of employers; it was a trank admission that capital has rights as labor, without being a surrender of the glorious principle that labor has rights as well as capital.

The strike was a greater success than the Chicago one, or the one mentioned in "Hard Times." The manufacturers took pains to find out the real condition of their laborers. The strikers have succeeded in showing their employers where they were wrong ; the employers have admitted the justice of some of the claims, but have convinced the strikers of the unreasonableness of others. But little time has been lost by employers or employed. It is a great victory for believers in human nature.

#### A TAX ON PLAYING-CARDS.

The lot of the tax-collector has never been a happy one. Even in the good old biblical times this member of society was extremely unpopular. It was an incometax collector that A. WARD's twins squirted the dish-water upon ; it was a tax-gatherer that, according to MAX ADLER, the maddened westerners rode upon a rail. But perhaps the saddest tax-collectors in the world are those internal revenue men who are endeavouring to collect two cents on every pack of cards in the hands of dealers in the state of Maine, no matter how long the cards have been in stock. The magnitude of the task imposed upon the collectors in a scattered state like Maine is appalling

Every dealer in the state is required to make a sworn statement as to the number of playing cards he or she had in stock on the morning on which the bill became law. On each pack the dealer has to ante up two cents. Perhaps the amount thus collected will pay for the expenses of collection and the train, carriage and car fares, but it may be that it will not.

The principle of the thing will be established, however. After this preliminary step all taxes on cards will be paid by the manufacturers or importers.

Whether this tax is meant not only to increase the revenue of the state, but also to increase the righteousness of Maine, is not stated in the reports-that is to say, it is not clear whether spot-cards alone are taxed, while the good people who play logomachy, nations and authors are exempt from the strain on the pockets of the players who will naturally have to pay

This is decidedly an off year tor apples in the United Kindgom, which has this season the lowest crop of apples harvested there for twenty years. Here is a chance for the apple growers of this country to make money, and to bring before the people of the British isles, as never before, the superiority of Canadian apples. Here is also a chance for our apple growers to do themselves and their country and its fruit trade an exceeding injury by dishonest packing and shipping.

This was the song of philosophers old : "The heathen Chinee, like the Goth and the Hun, the whole of the world will soon overrun; like the wolf on the fold, the Assyrian of old, and ALEX. the bold, he'll have one day of fun !" And yet see how little great China has done in the terrible war that has lately begun. She has millions of people, but what has she done to conquer the land of the rising sun?

A Parisian editor sent the question, "Would you rather be buried or cremated?" to a number of leading writers. Perhaps the most interesting reply was that received from ALPHONSE DAUDET : "As to being buried or cremated, I must say that either one would be exceedingly disagreeable to me." It would seem that the great French author would prefer to be translated.

The first victory of the Japanese over the Chinese resulted in LI HUNG CHANG losing his yellow jacket. It is probable that the last defeat of the Chinese, which is now assured, will result in some general's losing his yellow head. Is it out of sympathy with LI HUNG that the dudes of this country are now discarding their yellow shoes?

Australia will shortly be compelled to check the growing influx of Afghans, Pathans and Asiatic tribes from the odd corners of India, even as the United States checked the Chinese. The great trouble with the Chinese was that they worked for nothing : the great trouble with the Afghans, the Pathans and the others is that they do no work.

There is a vast difference between the united independence of a body and the personal independence of members of that same body. The Patrons of Industry in Ontario have expelled two men from their party who were found to have voted in the election for a candidate who was not nominated by the Patrons.

#### A Gas-Man's Shower-Bath.

A man with a watering cart passed over the head of a man who was repairing gas more for their cards. If this be so, the spirit of the law may be evaded by those pipes on Germain street on Wednesday. who play whist with spot cards, buying only The repairer got a very thorough showercards intended for the game of nations, bath; the watering cart passed cn. The which has the same rules as the wicked repairer used some very forcible language, and the man on the watering cart laughed game of whist. It would mean too great a loss of revenue a laugh of fiendish glee. The repairer says it was done on purpose. This statement for Maine to prohibit all the vices of mar, as it has done to intemperance, and so tle of the gas-man's the watering cart driver does not attempt to palliate or deny. two-cent levy on cards was a remarkably Excursions Discontinued. brilliant lunge at the powers of darkness. as there will "ndoubtedly be a rise in the The Thursday excursions to Hampton price of playing-cards in that state. by the steamer "Clifton" that have been Whether there will be a corresponding fall for the season. in "limits" remains to be seen.

Fre earth had made its journey round the orb of day again, We'd a baby girl; but never did we kiss our

## For kissing is a sanitary sin.

O, we love each other dearly; but our lips have never met; Though her silver threads are coming and my thatch is growing thin, o the act of osculation we have not descended For we know, since fell diseases such a practice

ushers in, That kissing is a sanitary sir.

#### Alcar.

He left the shade of the groves. Long hung his cloak. The maid at the well, the droves And the tall mountain folk-He left them all at her call. Her voice of came in his dreams-"Alcar, awake thee." Like the whisper of northern streams, "Ab, Love, wouldn't forsake me." So rising he went from the tent. Her eyes smiled soft in the night, He smiled at the sun. Hot ran the sky and the light Till the white day was done. "Alcar, arise, the night dies." In a land where is not His sight fled. "Ah love, will I soon be forgot, My heart is so red. Be gay in the hills, by the rills." His staff flung down by a stone, His face in the sand-A dream of false love, a moan, A kiss of the hand

The skies he wide, where he died. G. E. THEODORE ROBERTS.

## After Parting.

When parted from friends who have loved us And ever devoted remained; Then is the feeling most sacred, Love is the treasure we gained Thoughts that are sunny and cheerful, Hearts that are faithful and true, Bring back ere the years have an ending, Our happy days such as we knew. I had a flower that faded, Faded and left me alone; So will the darker days bring us, Sorrow when dear ones are gone.

As sweet as were ever enjoyed ; The sweep of the beautiful angel, On beautiful errands employed. Dreams that were golden with glory, Down by the fair sleeping sea, Filled all the still night with splendor. Love's summer to you and to me. But you were the flower that faded, Faded and left me alone; So will the darker days bring us Sorrow when dear ones are gone. CYPRUS GOLDE. Rose Glen, Sept., 1894

#### The Late Mrs. Richards.

Much regret will be felt by a large circle of the travelling public at the announcement of the death of Mrs. Ann Richards, which took place quite suddenly at the Ben Lomond House on Thursday evening. Mrs. Richards was much esteemed by all who had been visitors at her hotel, both when at Musquash and since removing to Ben Lomond. The funeral will take place

day. He was the artist who represented the Post at the famous Borden trial, where Mr. Ernest McCready, another St. John man, made such a hit doing the descriptive work that the New York Herald thought him good enough to send for.

You meet St. John men everywhere. Going to New York on the Fall River boat last Sunday night I saw a couple more ot them, whom I had seen in St. John a few days before. Jack Ring, St. John's Hawkshaw, was leaning against the door of the barber shop, lighting a cigar and admiring the electric lighting and handsome tiling of the company's latest and most palatial boat, the Priscilla; while Billy Caples, who looks after the interests of Billy Clark's Royal Cafe, on Prince William street, was inside being shaved by the Priscilla's barber. They got lost in the crowd of 1000 or more on board and I did not see them again, until a day or two atterwards, when I saw Mr. Ring taking in the sights from the rear platform of a Broadway cable car in New York.

That very same day while trying to dodge huge rain drops on Park Row, I ran across Tom Hall, of bicycle fame, who has left the Colonial bookstore for the wholesale paper trade, being now the New York representative of a Massachusetts house. While we were talking Oscar Watson, formerly of the Gazette, but now dressing up the copy of the correspondents of the Associated Press, came along, and I met him again, while enjoying a midnight lunch with Junior Boden, of the New York Press, in a newspaper haunt that has the reputation of not having closed its doors since the

Mr. Boden is one of the shining lights in the Press office, and succeeds in getting as many of his comments on pugilists, affairs copied as any man in the business. and he still has a warm spot for St. John, and thinks he would as soon live there as anywhere. While in the office of the Press I also met Ned Boden, who still keeps tabs on the horses, and at that very moment was bringing in the results of the races held | sunshine and shadow, many of them insufthat evening under the electric light.

"Old Jack" wasn't to be seen. He was at Saratoga doing the big republician convention which nominated the candidates for governor and lieutenant-governor. I hope that when the time comes to write Few men on the New York newspapers Jan. 1st, 1895, we shall see this new buildhave more admirers than John Boden, ing nearing completion. and that his abilities as a newspaper man are recognized and appreciated is shown by the fact that besides drawing a good salary from the Press, he has also a good

I also saw-well, it's the old story. When "I take my pen in hand to write you a

The City has been fortunate in securing this year a live man as City Auditor,-in the person of an Adam McIntyre. It is understood that at his request he appeared before the School Board at a special meeting held on Tuesday last, and pointed out to them some plain unvanished facts, which rather opened the eyes of its members. The system of book-keeping heretofore used in the School Board Office, has been a farce. No reflections upon individuals. The present Board and officials probably accepted things as they tound them, and having run into a rut, required to be brought up with a round turn. I believe that it has been pretty well decided upon to inaugurate a complete new set of books, under the supervision of an expert accountant.

An important matter that was decided upon was the erection of a new school house in the vicinity of Erin street, with proper play-grounds in connection. This building need not be an expensive one, not exceeding two stories in height, but by all means let it be built of brick, and do not let us have a repetition of the abortion which stands on Carleton heights. Brick is desirable for many reasons and is the cheapest in the end, the difference in repair and insurance being an item of no insignificance. This section of the city is one of the most densely populated and the little ones, who heretofore have been obliged to trudge long distances to school through rain and sleet, ficiently clad and poorly shod, are entitled to as much or even more consideration than their more fortunate neighbors. PROGRESS is and has been a friend to the poor and

The school system of St. John as a whole is a good and creditable one, but the chief blot now upon its escutcheon is the Grammar school. This institution is rotten to the core, and, like the Augean stables, fat government job. needs a thorough cleaning out. The very building now in use is entirely inadequate from the Ben Lomond House at 10 o'clock few lines," as the old ready letter writer and unsuitable in every way for school purthis morning, and coaches will leave used to say, I forget everything. I met poses. The proposal for a high school to several other St, John boys in New York be used by both boys and girls, is one of which I do not approve. The disable-I saw one here in Boston vesterday, driv- ness of co-educating is very debutable and ing a spirited horse through the tied up it is not worth while for the St. John school board to try any experiments. A vehicles of Tremont street-Bill Brown of grammar school building is certainly needed Hampton, whom many of the insurance clerks on Prince William will remember. and from motives of economy alone would be desirable. I understand that \$1100 He has only been here a few months, and is doing work for his uncle, Mr. Perkins, per annum is being paid for the present one of the greatest contractors in Boston. premiseg. A new building to contain six Alderman William Maguire, of Cam- | schools with assembly room, two stories in bridge, has a host of friends in St. John | height would cost, land included, say

in the habit of putting any too much repair work on the boats or on the floats. The present ferry committee also seems to have tallen into the same rut, and showed that repair the floats when they came into power. Further than this they did not see that the orders of the council were not followed. It is due to this fact that this story is written.

The old council decided to have the ferry floats repaired. The ferry committee took hold of the matter and city engineer Peters was directed to prepare plans. He performed his task with satisfaction and Superintendent Glasgow was directed to make the repairs according to these plans, which provided for the construction of a better class of floats then there was previously. But the superintendent, it appears, took the reins in his own hands and went to work to build the floats to suit himself. He had almost completed the repairing of the east side floats and had commenced on the west side when he was called to account.

The terry committee decided to inspect the work so far as it had gone. They visited the east side and examined the floats. They found that their instructions had not been carried out and so they held a meeting on Thursday of this week. They then adopted a very delicate method in order to reprimand the erring city official.

It was at first moved to reconsider the action of the last council of the ferry floats according to plans of the city engineer. This motion was passed, though not without opposition, for the superintendent had his supporters. Then it was decided that the repairs to the west side floats be proceeded with and that they be according to the engineer's plans. Of course this reconsideration was really a reaffirmation of their previous orders, but it was a delicate yet torcible way of calling the superintendent to his duty.

The work that has been done on the east side floats cannot be undone and they will have to remain as they are. The vity engineer's plans called for a covering made rigid and the smallest possible opening at the joints between the floats. These particulars have been disregarded then but in one matter there can be improvement. The floats can be doubleplanked with two inch plank and this will produce the rigid covering. This will probably be done on the east side while on the west side the engineer' plans will be tollowed. And to insure that they will be followed the committee took a decided step. The city engineer was appointed to superintend the work and to see that his instructions were carried out. This is what is vulgarly known as "a cold

I've seen the bright days of the love time,

Hamm's stable at 8 o'clock. The interment will be at Golden Grove. and they were all doing well.

### Bismark the Ungallant.

A Veinnese journalist has made a collection of aphorisms on love, women and marriage, uttered at the German parliamentary sessions. Bismark is quoted as saying that "it is an extraordinary advantage to a man's career if he can make his journey through life without any feminine baggage." In another speech he contended so popular this year have been discontinued that women were more addicted to smuggling than men.

touch" for Mr. Glasgow.

The timber of the old floats should be be inspected by citizens on account of its rottenness. It shows how the old terry committee neglected repair work on the ferry boats and floats in order to keep down the debit side of their account. In order to hasten the day of a free ferry the floats were in the meanwhile allowed to go to ruin for want of repair.

"Progress" is on sale in Boston at th King's Chapel news stand, corner of Schoo and Tremont streets.