

**FACTS AND FANCIES.**

There is to be a Carnival at the Rink on Monday. This will be the fourth this season. Looks like hard times!

MAYORALTY ELECTION.—Mr. Chas. R. Ray will be a candidate for the office of Mayor. We will speak on this subject later.

We understand that Mr. Geo. V. Nowlin is to again appear as a candidate for Mayor. Don't back down, George!

OUR reporter thought he saw Bong Tong coming up King street, the other day, but on closer inspection it was found to be "Wilkey," of the American House.

Mr. J. R. HAMILTON, the news agent, vacated his premises rather suddenly the other night, between daylight and dark, greatly to the regret of his many creditors. Success, old boy!

Mr. ALBERT S. CRAWFORD, late steam-boat owner, is missing since last week. Any information that will lead to his whereabouts will be thankfully received by his sorrowing creditors, who mourn the loss of some \$9,000. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend—to this.

SAMMY WHITBONE? Why do you move the free lunch dish, when you see that tall blonde clerk from the Bank of B. N. A. coming? Does he eat it all—eh?

WESLEY B—, of Portland, tells us he has a job on the *Daily Sun*. Wonder if it is chewing "glue" for Bob to make the rollers with. Your mouth is a recommendation, Wesley!

The short local editor of the *Telegraph* went to Fredericton as advance agent of the "Sleeping Queen" opera. May his slumbers be peaceful and of the "Park."

We feel considerably relieved on hearing of H. H. Bowie's departure, for in our criticisms on young ladies, we might happen to strike on his sisters, or his cousins, or his aunts. Henry is after you Bowes, look out for him, he carries a raw-hide.

George has a softthing on the Portland girls while Chris. is away. Sacques trimmed with fur are not out of date yet.

Will John and Arthur have the horses ready when the 62nd Band parades again?

T. F. Barker has withdrawn from the firm of T. B. Barker & Sons. It is rumored around town that he purposes taking the office of Post Master. We will not vouch for the truth of it.

**SUSSEX.**

This little town is worthy of more than passing notice, when we consider its many industries. A few years ago its chief object was to supply the farmers with the necessaries required for a farming life, procured from St. John and elsewhere, but now it boasts of a shoe and furniture factory, foundry, printing office, etc., and we predict before many years it will be a formidable rival to many of our industries. About two miles from Sussex, at the Sussex Upper Corner, a carriage and sleigh factory is in operation, and a blacksmith shop for general purposes. This is where the late Wm. A. Smith laid the foundation of his success. His death has been much lamented, not only by the people of the village, but of the surrounding country. A gap was made that will not be filled for years to come. The business is still carried on by Mrs. Smith, and continues to be the centre of attraction for the numerous purchasers that flock in to give their produce in exchange for goods. This stand would be a splendid opening for any person desirous of carrying on business as it is offered for sale. Right opposite we find that J. R. & J. E. Smith

have opened a new store with a good stock, and the affable way they receive their customers is well calculated to secure a share of patronage. It was thought that the village could hardly support two stores, but when we consider that many persons will stop and purchase on account of the increased interest and greater variety of stock occasioned by opposition, in preference to going down two miles further, there are ample reasons to believe that success will be the result of the energy shown by the new adventurers.

Mr. Trueman, now superintendent of the Portland schools, has, we understand, resigned his position for the purpose of studying the intricacies of law. This gentleman has held the position for nearly three years, and has displayed a fair amount of ability in discharging the duties of that office. The trustees will, no doubt, be equal to the task of receiving another to fill this important position. There are several very eligible men to choose from, but we understand that the opinion of persons who have any knowledge of school matters are in favor of Mr. McIntyre. This gentleman has been teaching in Portland for over five years, and has won for himself numerous friends on account of the deep interest he has manifested in the cause of education, the keen judgment and common sense he has in disposing of any difficulties in connection with his department, and last but not least the confidence and esteem held by the pupils for him.

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**DINING AND LUNCH**

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**JOSEPH HARTT,**  
**PROPRIETOR.**

**RECENT FAILURES.**

ALBERT S. CRAWFORD, steamboat owner, Fredericton, has left for parts unknown. He formerly owned the *Soulanges*. Liabilities, \$9000.

DONALD SMITH, store keeper, Campbellton, has made an assignment to his creditors. Liabilities, \$4000. Assets, \$2500.

JOHN R. HAMILTON, news-dealer, St. John, has made an assignment of his effects.

THOS. SCOTT'S (liquor dealer) creditors were to have a meeting on the 6th inst.

ANTHONY RAINEY, store keeper, Bathurst, has made an assignment of his effects. His real estate will more than make up for deficiencies if time is given.

When the Town Council of Portland appointed Capt. Rawlings to act as chief of the police department, it did not meet with the universal approbation of the public, not that they had any personal feelings against the Captain, but the fact of Mr. Jones' removal being actuated by personal animosities, rather than by any neglect of duty that could be imputed to him, prejudiced the public mind against him. Few men could have kept the position under the existing circumstances, but Capt. Rawlings has by his energy, punctuality and kindly feelings extended towards all without partiality, so completely overcome the barrier that we think it would be hard to find a man who would leave that position more regretted by the public. The kindly way he receives those who ask his aid in the furtherance of objects in connection with Temperance, benevolent societies, his willingness to act and the ability he displays in the performance of his promises will long be remembered by the citizens of Portland.

The alchemist or worker of fine metals finds by experience that it is necessary to study the properties of each metal, so as to form an alloy that will amalgamate properly and be of practical utility for the purpose for which it is designed; different metals have degrees of hardness, have to be subjected to different degrees of heat to bring them to a fluid state, necessary before being moulded to the required form.

And so we find it in society. Their dispositions, social positions, moral habits and training are so much at variance as to be almost impossible to place any number of persons together for the purpose of carrying out any work without consulting our judgment, as to the material we have to carry out our purpose. We find this more conspicuous in churches; there is, we think, as much trouble in dealing with the feelings of some of our most enlightened congregations as with the ignorance and idolatry in India; it seems to be an element in our nature to hold paramount our caste or grade in society, which is one of the reasons of so many failures in reform.

However, it is not our object to mount the platform of reform by preaching, but to place the many examples that come to our notice in the most ludicrous light, which we hope will have the effect of opening the ears of those who are deaf to the appealing orations of the minister or lecturer.