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W. H. THURSTON,
 Editor and Proprietor

A PROTEST.

We have heard that it is the intention to protest Dr. Landerkin's election and that the case will be entered within a few days, if it has not already been done. Upon what grounds this is to be done our informant does not say, and in the absence of such information it is not possible to discuss the matter as fully as we would like to. We will say this much, however: So far as The Advance is able to judge it is not the Conservative party in South Grey as a whole who are thus going headlong into what appears to us, in absence of evidence to the contrary, a most ill-advised legal contest. The meeting which was called in Durham for Thursday last could not possibly be called a representative one, as no notification had been given to those living outside the town of Durham. This paper protests against being attached to the leading strings of the coteries of rash young men who appear to be anxious for nothing so much as to further embarrass the Conservative cause in South Grey. It looks at this distance simply as though a case were being worked up for the sake of granting a job to some impecunious lawyer. We hope this is not true, but it looks mightily like it. Unless unmistakable evidence has been secured that Dr. Landerkin has been guilty of that which would, if proven, disqualify him from holding the position which he now holds, a protest can be productive of no good, but rather of much harm. Even if such were proven the advantages accruing from such a course would be of a very doubtful nature. As matters are understood at this side of the riding, the sympathy of Conservatives with the Durham warriors is not worked up to fever heat, and they will look with disfavor upon the course taken, until convinced more fully than we believe they can be, of its justifiability.

DRINK AND CRIME.

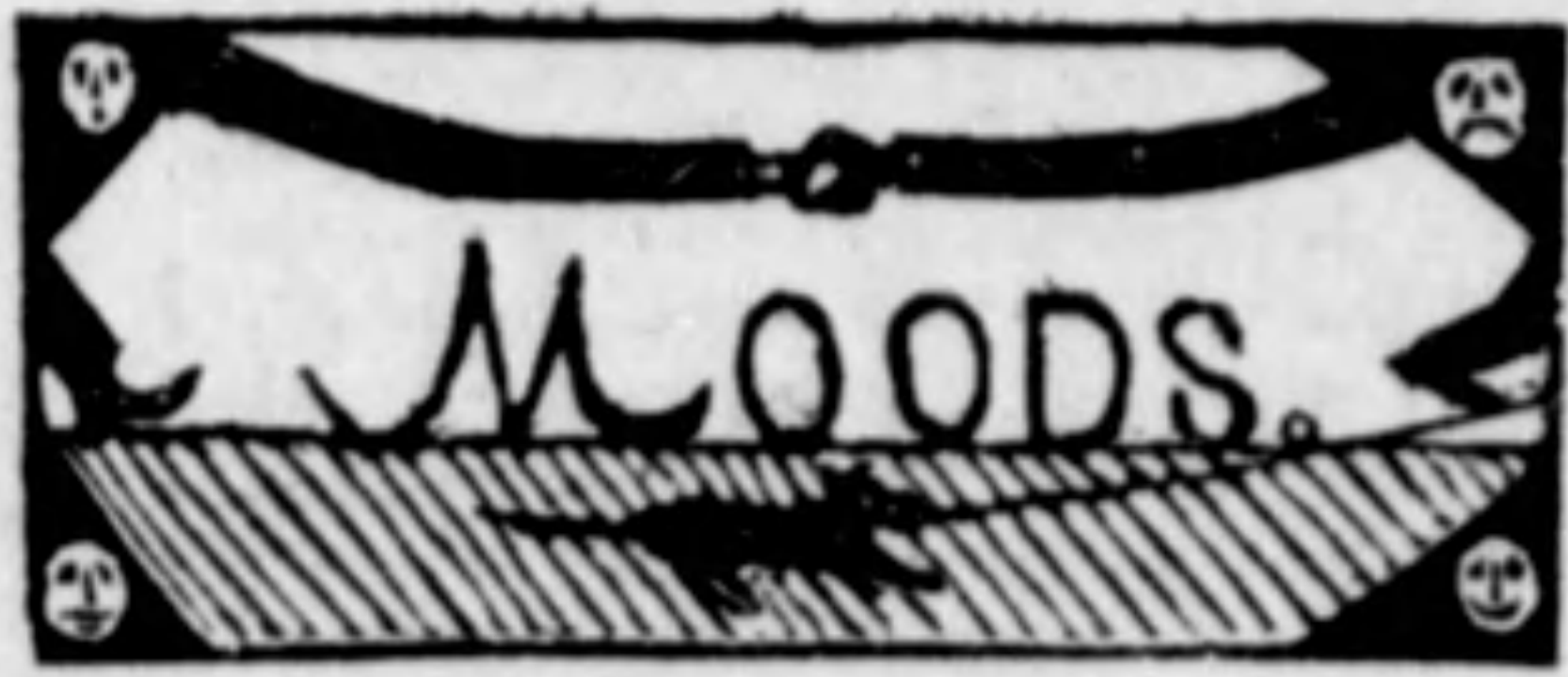
The annual report of the common gaols, prisons and reformatories, for the province of Ontario is to hand, and it is an interesting pamphlet to study. From it we learn such facts with regard to the liquor traffic as should tend to open the eyes of all as to the prominent part which our licensing system plays in the production and fostering of crime. For instance, the total number of crimes for which individuals were committed during the year was 10,083, and out of these 3770 were for being "drunk and disorderly." There is no method of arriving at a conclusion as to the percentage of the other 7513 crimes which were committed, either directly or indirectly, through the drink traffic, but it was no doubt very considerable. Does any one for a moment believe that the cost of these committals is counter-balanced by the revenue derived from the licensing of intoxicating liquor? Even from a pecuniary standpoint, not to speak from a moral one, the licensing system is a losing speculation to the province at large.

A gentleman who visited Toronto last week and had conversation with several members of the Legislature, informs us that it is the intention of

the government to refund this year to the municipalities interested 20 per cent. of the land improvement fund, with interest from 1867 and possibly from 1868, at 5 per cent. The amount which would fall to Artemesia's share would be at this rate \$2768, with the interest added. It is to be hoped that premier Mowat will not go back on this good resolution.

It is within the probabilities that a two-cent postal rate will be accorded to the people of Canada during the coming session of parliament. There is a universal desire on the part of the people to secure this boon, and it is hoped and believed their wishes will be respected.

The fall wheat has stood the winter well, and at present bids fair to be a good crop.



LEARNING TO PLOW.

Now that the spring plowing season has arrived, a few words by an ex-practical farmer will not be out of place.

When you have reached the plowable age get your life insured, then select a good stoney, hilly piece of ground, and a team of horses possessing more life than brains. If you do not wish to have your family collect the insurance money it might be well to hang an old snowboard from each shoulder to protect your ribs, another in front to save your nutriment extractor, and be sure to stick a false bottom on your chin, for you can never tell exactly where a plow handle will alight when it jumps. It is worse than lightning and about half as bad as a mule.

Having observed these protective measures grasp the plow handles tight. Never mind about making a straight furrow—pay all your attention to the handles, they are worth watching. Should the horses start off on a dog trot, simply raise the handles a little, when the plow point will go deep and strike a stone. The horses will be brought up with a jerk, and so will you if the handles attend strictly to business. Ten times out of nine one of them will give you a star-spangled swipe under the chin and raise you high enough to peas a "how de do" with the man in the moon.

When you come down, lie there. Don't get up and talk Fiji and cavort around the horses and shake your fists at them. They are not supposed to know the plow was loaded. Just lie there till you discover whether or not your head is still attached to the body, for dissolution may have taken place. If you are still able to swallow get up and proceed with the bee.

Don't get discouraged should one of the handles stave in your wind reservoir, but proceed as before, calmly and courageously.

There should be at least two creeks to cross, as many stumps as possible and a few stone piles to get around. Side hills are nice things to train on, especially if very stoney. They should be sod, so that the apprentice will have a grassy bed of ease to alight on when he comes down. Sod also hides the stones and causes novel and unexpected anatomical surprises.

Carefully follow these instructions, and you will certainly make something of yourself; it may be pemican, or just a common, every-day fertilizer, but you are bound to fly high in some line.

I subjoin an accurate map of the field where I operated for the first time:



The Treasurer's Salary.

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR,—I noticed in The Advance of the 16th inst. a lengthy communication from W. S. Christoe re the treasurer's salary and duties. Now sir, I think it is a wanton and unprovoked attack on the treasurer, but those who know the whole circumstances know full well that the ex-reeve and the treasurer are not on the most amicable terms, and it seems that the ex-reeve will lose no chance to drive the war into Africa. Now

once more he has failed. There is the beautiful face irradiating love, but there is not upon it the refining touch of sorrow that must have been in the face of Him who was "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." There was this wanting. He must set to work again, and paint not only the beauty of the Divine Perfection, and the love that embraced all mankind, but the Sorrow of the Man God who suffered for our sins. The author, Hjalmer Hjorth Boyesen, thinks he has given the best work of his life in this singular story. (Price 25 cts. Cosmopolitan Pub. Co., Madison Square, N. Y.)

Mr. Robt. Mann, Orangeville, has instructed his solicitors to enter an action against the Postmaster General for the recovery of \$2,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by him because of the action of the postal authorities in depriving him of his mail contract.

Literary Note.

A story of unusual power and strange plot will begin in the May Cosmopolitan and run through three numbers: The story of a man, who three times in his life undertakes to paint Jesus. As a young painter full of health and life, full of joy, he puts on his canvas a Greek ideal of strength and beauty; just as the picture is on the point of completion, he learns to love a beautiful woman who returns his passion. After weeks at her feet he returns to his studio one day, and is filled with disappointment when he gazes upon the face of the Christ. It is the face of a beautiful heathen god bearing no impress of that divine love which the painter now knows must belong there. His canvass is turned to the wall, and inspired by love he sets to work upon the image of a new Christ, who would be a God of Love. Again his picture is completed when the second great change comes over his life. She whom he adores turns from him to give her love to the Prussian officer whose Greek beauty has been the model for his first picture. Going back to work under the shadow of this deep sorrow, he looks upon the face of Christ upon his easel, and sees that

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