

### COL. BOB. ON PROGRESS.

#### THE GREAT INFIDEL'S PLAN FOR IDEAL GOVERNMENT.

His New Lecture Deals With Some Living Issues—Some of His Brilliant Home Thrusts—After All, He is Considerably More Advanced Than His Party.

Colonel "Bob" Ingersoll's ideas of government, as set forth in his latest lecture—"Progress"—are interesting, if not altogether original. He reaches the subject by easy stages, first tracing the development of man from the prehistoric period down to the present time to show the necessity of the changes he contemplates.

"Our ancestors," says the Colonel, "lived in dens and caves, subsisting on roots and herbs that they could dig and gnaw. They were a tribe above the beasts of the wilderness. But people hold up their hands in horror because cannibals have eaten one another. According to my opinion that is the best way man has ever lived upon his fellow-men."

"The plow and the sickle were the first tools of man. Then came the wheel. I consider the wheel one of the greatest inventions of the human brain. Invention has done more for man than wealth. The men who deserve the laurels in our century are the inventors, the discoverers, the thinkers.

"If I were to found a State I would not permit every man over 21 years of age to vote, but each family would have a vote, and the home should be the unit in the government. The danger of the Republic to-day is that millions of men who have no interest in the Government, but who are political Bedouins of the desert, blown by veering breezes from one party to another.

"I do not believe it is for the interest of the country to have any one man to own more land than he can use. I would fix by law the amount of land one man could hold. If he refused to sell I would put it in the hands of any man who wanted a home to buy a certain number of acres.

"I would exempt from sale for debt every home, and from taxation by city, town, State or nation. Let the fortunate pay the taxes. What we want now is absolutely free thought. In these things a person must do one of three things—sell what he thinks, keep still or lie. I find that the respectable thing to do is to lie.

"All that is said and done there is but one crime—cruelty, and one virtue—generosity. All others merge into these. Whenever we do something cruel we breed some horror that carries death in its trail.

"Society raises its own criminals. We will find in time that there will be no more crime in punishing a man for a crime than for a disease. Society must find a remedy. It will not send a man to prison for so many days or years, but to a reformatory to stay until cured. And let our best and greatest and most splendid men have charge of these institutions.

"I wish there were a power that would instantly paralyze a hand raised against an innocent man. I would like to have that power myself for a few weeks. The thing would get around the country in a week."

"The lecture is interspersed with bright sayings, of which the following are selections:

"When a man is very rich he generally has all the diseases money can buy."

"Nations are like puzzleists. One says to the other: 'I am greater than you because I can lick you.' Force has been the standard of greatness."

"Maternity is the tenderest and holiest of words. This word alone should be enough to civilize mankind."

**Running Water's Power.**

Formerly the Canadian side of the Niagara Falls was U-shaped, which caused the name Horseshoe Falls to be given it. For the last ten or a dozen years, however, that side of the fall has been V-shaped instead of U-shaped, the change being caused by a wearing away of the ledge over which the waters pour. On January 4, 1899, a great displacement of rocks again took place and now the Canadian side of the cataract is again known as "Horseshoe Falls." It is pretty generally known that the Falls of Niagara are moving to the south. A deep cut through the solid rock marks the course they have taken in their backward march. It is a wonderful excavation, a mighty canal dug out by the sheer force of falling water. Not less astonishing is the removal of all this debris. The rocks have been thoroughly pulverized and swept out into Lake Ontario. Once it was believed that the fall would ultimately wear back to Lake Erie and degenerate into a second-class rapid.

The latest idea is that the fall will recede two miles further to the southward and then stop still; that is as far as the backward tendency is concerned. The cause of this will be that at that point a solid foundation for the limestone ledge over which the waters pour will be found. Two miles of a wearing back will make the falls only eighty feet in height, instead of 160, as at present.

**An Incurable Man.**

In time to come Gen. Saussier, the military governor of Paris, is likely to be remembered by France with pride and affection in connection with the present crisis. Agents of the Count of Paris have hinted at a dual or princely title and enormous revenues that would be the result of treachery on the part of Gen. Saussier to the Republic, and while the hints have not been uttered directly to Gen. Saussier care has been taken that they would reach him. But he is removable in his fidelity to duty. He is not a strong Republican in his sympathies, but he is thoroughly faithful to his lawful superiors and it is not doubtful that he will obey their orders to the letter. The knowledge of this fact makes the Government feel secure against any attempt at insurrection from whatever source the attempt may be made.

When the battle waged thickest around President Carnot's head, and his downfall seemed likely, Gen. Saussier was mentioned as his successor. The General promptly went to President Carnot, and said he was in no sense a candidate for the Presidency, and assured him of a readiness to call out the troops at a moment's notice to suppress any insurrection.

Without Gen. Saussier's fidelity and the discipline of the troops in his command, Paris would have been bathed in blood days ago and it is quite probable that the Government would have been overthrown.

### ICE-BOATING ON TORONTO BAY.

#### An Exciting Though Perilous Pastime that is Very Popular.

The lightning-like swoop of the toboggan with all its danger and excitement is nothing when compared with the swift mile-a-minute rush of an ice-boat on Toronto Bay. And yet, despite the perils that encompass this great winter sport, it is growing in popularity quite as rapidly as the Queen City of Canada grows in population and commercial greatness.

Readers generally are familiar with the skate-like construction of an ice-boat. More than once this form of skiff has been pictured.

The ice-boat fleet on Toronto Bay is a very large one and the situation of the harbor is peculiarly suited to the formation of a comparatively smooth sheet of ice and plenty of it. On ordinary days there are scores of ice-boats scurrying hither and thither and the scene is strikingly characteristic of the Canadian people. Since Edward Hanlan, the champion oarsman, has settled down to comparative quiet in his Toronto home he has taken an abiding interest in ice-boating, and his chief delight is to unchain his steel-shod flyer and take his American visitors for a spin. Eddie Durman (Hanlan's nephew), who is looked upon by Hanlan as the champion oarsman of the world, is also a skillful pilot and can round an air-hole when he sees it with as much skill as an ordinary skater can. There are many others who practice ice-boating on the Bay who are equally ready with the sails and oars, whose tender mercies the novice may safely entrust himself without first making his will, although the latter is always a wise and proper precaution.

Ice-boating is particularly adapted for just such winter weather as we have been treated to since late in December, when the temperature is down almost to the lowest peg, when the wind is blowing at the rate of 30 miles an hour and the air is filled with frosty flakes as fine as dust, then is the time to indulge in the glorious sport. To be warmly dressed is of first importance. Bundling up well in furs and woollens serves a double purpose sometimes. One is then partially protected from the piercing air which penetrates the thickest of furs, and providing there is a collision or other accident one is less liable to be broken bones. With a gale blowing, and good ice, an ice-boat's speed is simply terrific, and when this is cut short by accident, the occupants are hurled as from a catapult.

Happily, there are few of these accidents. Once in a while a boat drives into a hole in the ice and those following are likewise precipitated into the cold embrace of the icy water, but this does not often happen, and there is so much joyous exhilaration, so much genuine sport in this northern pastime that people brave the dangers take the chances, and live.—Buffalo Express.

### CURIOUS FREAK OF NATURE.

#### The Imprint of a Human Face Fixed Upon a Baby's Hand.

The little hamlet of Roseburg, S. C., is to the fore with a curiosity which is ahead of all others. This is a 3-week-old baby whose right hand bears the imprint of a human face. The face occupies nearly the whole palm, says the Philadelphia Times, and is as clearly outlined as if drawn on porcelain. It is the countenance of a little child about 3 years old lying asleep, with the eyelashes drawn in fine dark lines on the full cheeks. The mouth seems to be slightly parted and the lips are delicately tinted. The baby whose palm contains this singular portrait is the child of Clarke Osborne, a thriving merchant of Roseburg, and Mrs. Osborne declares that the face in the infant's palm is that of a little girl she lost about three months before the baby's birth. Relatives and intimate friends also profess to be able to see a strong resemblance to the dead child.

When the baby was first put in its mother's arms she looked at the hands, and, with a loud cry, fainted away, but on coming to herself exhibited the little creature's hands to the attendants, who saw at once the strange likeness to the dead and gone sister. Mrs. Osborne was at first much frightened over the singular circumstance, but at last became convinced that this strange portrait was sent to comfort her. Physicians say, however, that the mother's carcases of the dead child impressed the unborn infant, who merely repeated her mental pictures of the little girl as she last beheld it.

The image on the palm was much clearer the first few days of the infant's life than now, and it is thought to be gradually fading away. The family are very sensitive on the subject and have refused to show the child except to relatives and most intimate friends, but a dime museum manager has already made propositions which have been declined.

### A Mad Ride.

Capt. A. Wheeler and engineer Lytle took a steamer through the Cataract Canyon of Colorado River the other day, a feat never before attempted and heretofore deemed impossible. The boat was the twin-screw launch Major Powell, built at Green River, Utah, to be used in transporting passengers to the San Juan gold field.

The Captain and engineer donned cork jackets and threw fenders over the gunwales. When Cataract Canyon was reached the engines were reversed, but the launch fairly flew along, being quickly veered to port or starboard and barely missing great jagged rocks. After passing through nine miles of seething chidrens it had smooth sailing for a few miles, and with an ever increasing velocity went down one of the maddest torrents ever attempted by pilot.

Twelve miles below, in a comparatively insignificant rapid, a snag caught the port propeller, breaking two blades. The launch swung to the left, striking a big rock and stove the bows badly. She was safely beached and will be repaired.—New York World.

### A Costume of Rattlesnake Skin.

Peter Gruber, the Rattlesnake King of Venango County, has had made the most unique costume any man ever wore. It consists of coat, vest, trousers, hat, shoes and shirt, and is made entirely of the skins of rattlesnakes. Seven hundred snakes, all caught and skinned by Gruber during the past five years, provided the material for this novel costume. To preserve the brilliancy and flexibility of the skins in the greatest possible degree, the snakes were skinned alive, first being made unconscious by chloroform. They were then tanned by a method peculiar to Gruber, and are as soft and elastic as woolen goods. The different articles for this outfit were made by Oil City tailors, shoemakers and hatters, and the costume is valued at \$1,000.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

### East Huron Schools.

Inspector Robb handed in to the county council an elaborate report of the public schools of East Huron, from which we take the following notes: There are 86 school corporations in this inspectorate and 88 school houses. These are classed as follows:—Brick, 28; stone, 8; frame, 56; and one log. The estimated value of the school houses and grounds is \$103,270; of furniture and equipment, \$18,995.

During the year 896 trees were planted. A very neat brick school house was built in school section No. 18, Howick, costing \$519.

There were 8,240 pupils enrolled in the schools of this division during 1892. Of these 4,248 were boys and 3,992 girls.

There are 1,466 in the first part of the first book; 1030 in part second; 1,424 in the second book; 1967 in the third book; 2047 in the fourth book and 866 in the fifth book. 3,541 study music; 1,762 Temperance and Hygiene; 392 book keeping and 406 agriculture. All these in the fifth class have passed the entrance examination into the High School, but have returned to the Public School. In nearly every case they are better at the Public School for one year after passing the Entrance than to go at once to a High School.

The average salary of the male teachers in the townships, is \$378; in the villages, \$550 and in the towns, \$759. The average salary of the female teachers for townships, \$276; for villages \$272 and for towns, \$298. During the past three years there has been a steady decline in the salaries of male teachers and a slight increase in the salaries of female teachers. Whether it be for weal or woe, female teachers are slowly, but surely displacing male teachers. If they do men's work as well as men, they should receive men's pay.

Many pupils from Howick write on the Entrance Examination in the county of Wellington. The great attraction being a gold and two silver medals granted every year to those who take the three places at this examination. For many years candidates from Howick have secured two or three of these medals. Last year Howick secured three.

### Huron County Council.

The county council met in Goderich last week, all the members being present except the Reeve of West Wawanosh.

Joseph Griffin, reeve of Ashfield, was chosen warden without opposition.

Dr. Ure, of Goderich; Dr. Shaw, of Clinton; and Dr. Smith, of Seaforth, were made trustees of the Collegiate Institutes in their respective towns.

Mr. Wm. Coats, of Clinton was elected auditor. The warden appointed W. G. Duff, Seaforth, the other auditor.

The following committees were struck: Executive—Messrs. Milne, Kay, Girvin, Kennedy, Sparling, N. H. Young, McPherson, McEwan, Scott.

Finance—Messrs. Rollins, Proudfoot, Ferguson, Bedcom, Malloy, Woods, Brockenshire, Benneweise, McLean, Cook, Cox, McMurdoch, Eilber, McDonald, Watson, Kydd, Shepherd.

Road and Bridge—Messrs. Ratz, Graham, Gibson, Torrance, Oliver, Howe, Turnbull, Taylor, Cruikshank.

Education—Messrs. Mooney, Kerr, McKay, Shiel, Chambers, Geiger, Stewart.

County Property—Messrs. Sanders, Spackman, Sherratt, Evans, Dames.

Warden's Committee—Messrs. Sanders, Kydd, Eilber, Cox, Milne.

Special—Cook, Rollins, Girvin, Holt, McEwan.

Mr. Cook introduced a motion to amend a motion made last year, by authorizing the executive committee to inspect the mortgages held by the Treasurer and report on the same to the Council. This caused a long debate the present regulations being that only the warden, treasurer and clerk examine and decide on applications for loans, but the amendment was lost on a division. On the following day the matter was again brought up and thoroughly discussed and Mr. Cook's proposition was this time carried out and all county mortgages will hereafter be subject to inspection by the council's committee.

The balance of the business will be published next week.

Barkwell's Sure Corn Cure will cure any wart, bunion or mole. For sale by N. McLaughlin, druggist, Gorrie.

Have You? What? Why, paid your subscription to the GAZETTE for 1893.

Barkwell's Bronchial Balsam will cure any cough, cold, bronchitis or asthma. For sale by N. McLaughlin, druggist, Gorrie.

William's Royal Crown Remedy, greatest corn cure on earth. Guaranteed to cure general nervous debility, rheumatism, neuralgia, paralysis. For sale by N. McLaughlin, druggist, Gorrie.

### Lines

To the memory of the late John Ferguson, of Orange Hill.

We mourn the loss of a loving son, Of a Brother true and kind, Who's gone before to the better land, And left us here behind.

We miss from our circle a faithful friend, A young Eriton noble and brave, And sad were our hearts as we lowered his form Into his new-made grave.

No more will we see his stalwart form Enter the house of God; For his Spirit now dwells with saints above While his body lies 'neath the sod.

No more will the tear-drop start from his eye, Or his body be racked with pain, Grieve not then, dear parents, nor weep for your boy, For your loss is his 'infinite gain.'

He has met his brother who, a year ago, Was felled by the Monster Grim; Now they dwell with the Savior in heaven above Far from this world of sin.

Then we mourn not as those that have no hope, Then help us like him to be prepared To sing the glad victor's song, That God had pardoned his many sins, And of death he had no fear.

We know not, O Lord, who next will be called To join with the silent throng; Then help us like him to be prepared To sing the glad victor's song.

That whatever may come—either life or death—Long illness or sudden decease We may from this world of sorrow pass home, To meet him in mansions of peace.

A SCHOOL MATE.

BORN.

On the 29th inst., the wife of Mr. James Sutherland, Gorrie, of a daughter.

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### Dulmage,

1893 IS HERE TO STAY! The thermometer readings it is giving shows us that. Some long-haired individual predicted 1893 as an eventful year.

The sum of the figures is 21, or three 7s, hence something will happen. Our hard freeze will count one. There was a man in the north part of the township who lied about the weather a few days ago. It has been cold, no doubt, and some hard records have been broken, but this individual stated that one day last week in Toronto it was 100° below zero, that a train had frozen to the track from the water escaping from the tender, that pedestrians froze stiff on the streets and were stood up against the buildings like mummies.

BUT We prefer facts and reasonable information.

Long Profits are gone and we merchants must, by economy and careful buying, try and make ends meet. In CASHMERE and other English goods we buy from import samples, thus only the goods ordered are imported, making a saving of about 15 per cent.

That's why we have Black and Colored Cashmeres so cheap. By combinations of purchases direct I will sell cheaper than ever the coming season.

Great Bargains now in what Winter Goods that are left over from last fall's purchases. Any advantage in careful buying is given my customers.

DRIED APPLES and MINK SKINS wanted. Also.....SILVER!!

### Lakelet.

# Fred Donaghy

Regent House, Fordwich, Is Showing a Grand Stock of

General Merchandize for the Christmas trade.

And in Order to Catch the Crowd, Prices have been Marked down to cost, for the next Thirty days.

A Specially Fine Line of Glassware in stock. Dry Goods in every style, the Choicest Lines and the Lowest prices.

Boot and Shoes to suit this season. Full Lines of Rubber goods. Ladies' and gents' Furnishings in Large Varieties, splendid furs.

Complete stock of Seasonable and fresh groceries always on Hand.

Bargains Every Day Come and Get them.

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Groceries, Confections, Canned Goods, Pastry, Toys, Notions,

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