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AMUSEMENTS.

Auditorium—"Men and Women." Standard—Vaudeville.

WILL STRENGTHEN ROSS.

The News has sought on several occasions to make capital against Mr. Ross on the ground that the latter had never endorsed his platform. The Clarke organ in so doing has as usual set a trap for its own capture.

Mr. Ross did not write a flimsy, vote-catching acceptance the moment he received a copy of the platform. He took plenty of time to weigh and consider the various provisions contained in the document and when he gave his indorsement his language is that which results from mature and deliberate consideration.

Mr. Ross is stronger before the people today, for the very reason that he did not rush to the telegraph office the moment he received a copy of the platform. Mr. Ross is not the kind of man who promises anything and everything for the sake of securing a few votes.

Had the circumstances been reversed we can well imagine that Joe Clarke would scarcely have waited to read the platform over before giving it his indorsement. Clarke never hesitates in giving a promise and he is equally as quick to break one as he is to give it.

At a public meeting a few weeks ago he stated in the presence of a thousand people that he favors "square gambling." Such a man is Joseph Andrew Clarke, who shifts his base with every change of the wind.

How different is the case with Mr. Ross. When the latter has enunciated a policy or pledged himself to support a given movement, the people have had absolute assurance that his promises would be carried out to the letter.

Now, therefore, that he has given his pledge to support the platform adopted by the convention which nominated him, the people know perfectly well that his pledge will be carried out. They are convinced that his promise to investigate the "concession evil" will be redeemed at Ottawa and it necessary upon the floor of the house. They know that when Mr. Ross tells them he is in favor of reducing the fees now charged at the gold commissioner's office he speaks from conviction and that he will do his utmost to have his views carried into effect.

In short the community as a whole is fully convinced that Mr. Ross is honest and sincere in every word of his letter of acceptance and the effect of that document upon the public

England Has a Grievance

London, Oct. 18.—Major Evans Gordon, M. P., a member of the royal commission on alien immigration, who has just returned from a two months' visit to Russia, Poland, Galicia and Roumania, where he has been studying the causes underlying the Jewish exodus thence, speaking today, said: "Secretary Hay's Roumanian note admirably expresses the reasonable attitude of the United States toward immigration generally. It is a perfectly just statement of the responsibilities of the Roumanian government for the exodus of Jews from that country, and it will have moral if not concrete results."

"I do not think, however, that the Roumanian is the most vital question to the United States. Roumanian emigration to America has been very thoroughly sifted by several influential Jewish societies. This coupled with the immigration laws and the fact that a man must have a fair amount of money even to get to New York, insures your getting the cream of the emigrants. The Russian question is a more serious problem for America, both as regards number and the class of people involved. You must remember that Roumania has only about 250,000 Jews, while Warsaw alone probably has a Jewish population of 300,000."

"Speaking as a private individual, there is no doubt in my mind that, sooner or later, England will have to adopt restrictive legislation of some sort. The royal commission on alien immigration has not nearly completed its work. I have wanted for a long while to study American immigration conditions and legislation at close range, and hope to go to the United States next spring with that object."

"Meanwhile, quite apart from the Jewish side of the question, I believe it will be found that England is being made and has long been made a dumping ground not only for the paupers, but for the criminals and undesirable persons of all Europe."

WHAT CLARKE'S SUCCESS WOULD MEAN.

There are some men, comparatively few in number, who are still supporting Clarke on the ground that in so doing they are "getting even" with the government for misdeeds which occurred in 1897-'98. As a matter of fact they are doing the exactly opposite. Joe Clarke was a part of the machine which was responsible for the official abuses which prevailed in the early days and should Clarke be sent to Ottawa it would justify the people approved of a man who abused and betrayed the people and the government while in the public service.

Clarke's hostility to the government did not begin until he had been cashiered and kicked out of government employ for abuse of privileges and then and not until then did he begin to ascertain that the Yukon had suffered wrongs. If the people choose Clarke they will not have at Ottawa a man who has sincerely championed their cause, but they will have one who himself fed from the government hand until that hand was raised against him on account of offenses too grievous to be pardoned.

Clarke's success means endorsement of the ten dollar door. Mr. Ross success means endorsement of wise, honest and progressive government. If Clarke is elected, the ministers of the crown will be able to stand up in parliament and proclaim the fact that the people of the Yukon have sent down as their representative a man who was in the thick of the official mis-doings against which such strong protests were raised in 1898. Naturally and justly they will infer either that the protests then raised were without foundation or that the people approve of the men who were responsible. If the voters wish to pass a vote of vindication of the conditions which prevailed in this territory in 1898 let them choose Joe Clarke to represent them at Ottawa.

If, however, they wish to voice the universal demand for clean, wholesome government, which will aid in the development and progress of the district, they will cast their ballots for Jim Ross, the candidate of all the people.

Nine Petrified Bodies

New York, Oct. 18.—Nine petrified bodies have been found in the cemetery attached to the New York infant asylum at Mount Vernon. The asylum was closed recently and it became necessary to remove the bodies in the cemetery. While the work was going on today the workmen exhumed nine bodies that have the appearance of white marble and are as solid as rock.

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Balfour Shows Power

London, Oct. 18.—The British political situation, which has been described on both sides as critical, has developed no features suggesting the imminence of a crisis in the lively two days' sitting of Parliament. On the other hand, the government has maintained its almost normal majority on the education bill divisions.

It is becoming increasingly evident that the popular revolution of feeling against the government is not really based on the education bill, which is only being used as the most available weapon. Hence it happens that the Unionists will be able to muster almost their full support on the details of that measure.

It is clear that the extra session of Parliament is going to prove quite lively enough in scenes of partisan controversy to keep up the public interest and perchance imperil the traditional dignity of a body which Colonial Secretary Chamberlain described the other day as the "natural personification of the national qualities which have made us great." One member was suspended amid an indescribable uproar, and even Sir William Vernon Harcourt was rebuked by the chair during the first two sittings.

IRELAND'S CAUSE.

T. P. O'Connor, M. P., has written his impressions of the scene caused by the Irish members in the house of commons Thursday, and what he believes it portends, as follows: "I have seen many strange and exciting scenes in the house of commons, but that of Thursday was the most strange and most exciting. It deserves serious notice as a symptom of and clew to the present political condition. John O'Donnell, the chief character therein, is not the kind of man one would expect to see figure in such a scene. He is one of those men who show the wonderful power of Irishmen rising to great situations, however humble and unassuming their origin. He was born in a little cottage on one of those small patches of land in the west of Ireland which are most remarkable specimens of the wreckage of centuries. Yet he spoke eloquently, chastely, and the strong physique of the peasant is surmounted by a face of sweetness and refinement, as well as of vigor. To see this ordinarily quiet young man addressing the whole house for a quarter of an hour amid a din which was tempestuous, and in violation of every rule of order, with the speaker, ministers and all shouting, and the majority helpless, and then afterward to see him cross the floor of the house, and standing in front of the prime minister, who sat pallid, with a sickly smile on his face, to see this was one of the most curious proofs of how honest passion and indignation created by oppression can even the most powerful of tyrannies."

Remount Funds.

London, Oct. 18.—A bill book has been issued containing a detailed report of officers appointed by the quartermaster-in-chief of the army to inquire into the workings of the remount department. The report speaks generally favorable of the arrangements of the department and the class of animals purchased.

Dealing with the case of Captain Smith, who was attached to the purchasing commission at New Orleans, the report finds that Capt. Smith received a commission on every animal he purchased; that many of the mules bought by him were absolutely unfit and useless, and that he was guilty of malpractice and brought the greatest discredit upon the department.

The department also finds that Capt. E. R. Mandalay and Veterinary Surgeon Hawes behaved with extreme impropriety in purchasing for their own use and shipping to England horses brought up for inspection as remounts and which actually had been branded. The report says regarding American mules: "In our opinion nothing approaches them except the gun mules of the mountain batteries in India. We do not see a fault to find with them as class."

"Of the horses the officers say: "Judging of them as a class, we think them the very type for mounted infantry horses. With time and training the American horse would turn out to be the ideal horse for mounted infantry or to carry light cavalry without equipment."

Small Request

Young California Woman Asks for Information. Among the mail which was received at the gold commissioner's office last week was a letter of inquiry from a young lady of Los Angeles, California, which contained an extraordinary request and which if complied with would mean many weeks of labor and search. The writer wrote to the commissioner to inquire if there had been any mining claims recorded in her name during the past four or five years, not mentioning any particular creek, but including the entire territory. As the office contains no indices of claims recorded or transfers made, the tremendous labor involved in complying with such a request can be easily imagined. The young lady is probably one of thousands who in an early day grabbed some friend or acquaintance to come to the Klondike and dig gold, and incidentally locate a few claims for her. The investment not having proven as satisfactorily as was anticipated, after waiting a few years a letter is written here to see if there are any claims recorded in her name. She in time will doubtless receive a negative reply, she will say with much emphasis the Klondike is no good and thus will the territory receive another terrible knocking.

Modern Epigrams.

London, Oct. 18.—Here are some epigrams culled from speeches delivered during the past week: "Queen Victoria transformed Great Britain into a crowned republic, a nation in which the will of the people is the supreme law."—Andrew Carnegie. "Great poetry is the surest antidote to the prevailing virus of materialism."—Alfred Austin, the poet laureate. "The existing educational system of this country is chaotic and utterly behind the age."—Prime Minister Balfour. "In dealing with education the first thing is to consider the children; the churches come afterward."—Austin Chamberlain. "We want sometimes in this country a little more of the spirit of toleration."—Earl Spencer. "This is above all a reading age, but how many people read the Bible?"—The bishop of Winchester. "Plenty of porridge and milk will do more for the physique of a nation than the most up-to-date physical

Schley and the Masons.

The departure of Admiral Schley for the south and the preparations made in Texas for his enthusiastic reception caused a prominent Mason to relate to the Globe-Democrat correspondent an interesting story in connection with Admiral Schley's initiation into the Masonic fraternity. It will be remembered that Admiral Schley was made a Mason in one night, immediately prior to his departure to assume command of the south Atlantic squadron. All arrangements had been made in the initiation of the admiral, but, according to the rules of the Masonic organization, a ballot was to be taken before he could be initiated. While the admiral was waiting in an ante-room to have the degree conferred upon him the balloting was in progress. By some means the grand commander, who was presiding, became convinced that at least two black balls had been cast against Admiral Schley. It was when the discussion over the victory at Santiago was raging most furiously, and there was reason to believe the black balls had been thrown by men prejudiced against Admiral Schley because of this controversy, and who were possibly inspired with a desire to humiliate him, as would certainly have been the case had it gone out to the country that Admiral Schley was blackballed when about to join the Masons.

It was felt at the time that the consequences of such an action would be intensely disagreeable, not only to Admiral Schley and his friends, but to the Masonic fraternity, and especially to the chapter of which he was to become a member. The grand commander was equal to the occasion, and rising to his feet, he stopped the balloting and called out, "Admit Brother Schley." It was an exercise of supreme power, such as had not been witnessed in Masonic circles in this city within the memory of the present generation of Masons, and of which there are but few records in the annals of Masonry in this country, for by those words the grand commander had made Admiral Schley a full Mason, without the necessity for his taking the degree. Masonry admits the supreme authority, and the word of the grand commander was absolute. Admiral Schley subsequently took the degree, but it is held he was under no obligation to do so, as he had been "made a Mason on sight."—Ex.

Praise for Roosevelt

London, Oct. 18.—According to English students of events, President Roosevelt is more popular in Great Britain than any president since Lincoln. The series of circumstances which has conspired to make him the prominent figure on the international stage during the past thirteen months reached its climax this week with the appointment of the commission to arbitrate the anthracite strike. President McKinley reached a great height of popularity in Great Britain, but the wide admiration in which he was held was always modified by his identification with the protective tariff. President Roosevelt's attack on the trusts, his defense of the Monroe doctrine, his advocacy of a strong army and navy, his love of sport and literature and his general aggressiveness all appeal to the highest type of English imagination, while his personal friendship for Great Britain is regarded as beyond question. The newspapers throughout the country constantly extol his virtues and his name has become a household word.

Major Hugh R. Bellamy

Major Hugh R. Bellamy, paymaster in the army and former representative in congress from the Third Chicago district, died at Calamba, Luzon.

Perhaps the following, quoted from Fernald's "English Synonyms," may prove instructive in this connection, as showing the correct use of some of the synonyms mentioned above:

"Odd is unpaired, as an odd shoe, and so uneven, as an odd number. 'Singular' is alone of its kind, as the singular number. What is singular is odd, but what is odd may not be singular, as a drawerful of odd gloves. A 'strange' thing is something hitherto unknown in fact or in cause. A singular coincidence is one the happening of which is unusual, a strange coincidence is one the cause of which is hard to explain. That which is 'peculiar people,' i. e., respect-

"Funny" Use of Words

Mr. H. P. Ford, a Philadelphian, who takes an artistic interest in philology, has this to say in the Telegraph on the use of the word "Funny."

"Perhaps no word in our language is more frequently misused than 'funny.' To many persons almost everything that happens is 'funny,' and yet there are but few words that have so many synonyms which one who considers the proprieties of speech would prefer to use. Here are some of the many words which, in their proper connection, should be used instead of 'funny.'"

Anousing, anomalous, abnormal, comical, coxetry, curious, droll, eccentric, erratic, exceptional, extraordinary, fantastic, grotesque, irregular, laughable, ludicrous, marvelous, nondescript, odd, outlandish, peculiar, preposterous, quaint, rare, remarkable, ridiculous, singular, uncommon, strange, unparalleled, unprecedented, unique, unusual, whimsical, wonderful.

A few illustrations may serve to show the abuse of the word. To have two thumbs on one hand is not "funny," but abnormal; one who insists on wearing his hair very long is not "funny," but eccentric; one who is changeable in his disposition, doing today what he would not do yesterday, is not "funny," but erratic; one who follows his individual opinions in opposition to prevailing customs is not "funny," but peculiar; for a cat to make a companion of a rat is not "funny," but unnatural; to be able to give correct answers to complex problems without going through minute calculations is not "funny," but exceptional, extraordinary; that messages may be sent with the speed of thought is not "funny," but marvelous; for a northern winter to be free from very cold weather is not "funny," but uncommon; unusual; for strong men to be lost and a babe alone to be saved from a wreck is not "funny," but remarkable; for the planets to revolve in their orbits is not "funny," but wonderful; when a dear old lady clings to customs of long ago, she is not "funny," but quaint; should two fortunes be willed to a person in one day it would not be a "funny" but a singular coincidence. But enough has been said to set forth the gross misuse of this word.

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