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Curious Bits of News.

The present make of the British House of Commons has been a subject of much interest. It has accordingly witnessed the rise and development of constitutional principles and practice, and of the responsibility of Ministers of the Crown to the House of Commons, and through the House of Commons to the people at large.

Most people, if they were asked to state the color of the sun, would say that it was orange, and they would accordingly assert that the color of the atmosphere was blue. Recent researches and investigations, however, says "Knowledge," point to the conclusion that the real color of the sun is blue, while that of the atmosphere surrounding the earth is orange.

A good many formalities are necessary for the women of Sumatra before they can lay aside their widow's weeds, says "Womanhood." Immediately after the husband's death the disconsolate widow places a flagstaff in front of her door, and on this a flag is raised. As long as the flag remains uncut by the wind etiquette forbids her to marry, but with the appearance of the first rent she can lay aside her mourning garb, begin to take notice and to receive offers of marriage.

A little machine which threads one thousand needles a minute is at work in St. Gall, Switzerland. The purpose of the machine is to thread needles that are placed afterwards in an embroidery loom for making Swiss or Hamburg lace. The device is almost entirely automatic. It takes the needles from a hopper, carries it along and threads it, ties the knot, cuts the thread off a uniform length, then carries the needle across an open space and sticks it into the next needle. Threading these needles was formerly done by hand.

The highest waterfall in the world, geography tells us, is the Cerrosola cascade, in the Alps, having a fall of 2,400 feet; that of Avey, in Savoy, is 1,100 feet, and the falls of Yosemite Valley range from 700 to 1,000 feet. But higher yet is the fall in the San Cayatan canyon, in the State of Durango, Mexico, a great roar of water was heard. With great difficulty the party pushed on and up, and down the mighty chasma, until they beheld the superb fall that is at least 3,000 feet high.

The date-palm may solve the problem of what to do with the arid and alkali lands of Arizona and other Western States. Experiments have been made in the past, but renewed interest is being taken by the section of plant introduction of the Department of Agriculture at Washington. According to the New York "Sun," Professor D. G. Fairchild, agricultural explorer for the department, now traveling in Africa, has procured a number of date palm off-shoots from the Delta of the Nile, which will be distributed in the southwestern States. In the United States the date is an article of luxury, but in its native country it is a staple food, many regions in Arabia and the Sahara being uninhabitable but for the date-palm.

President Harper of the University of Chicago recently received the following letter from a prospective girl-student at Pocatonia, Ill.: "Dear Dr. Harper—I know you will be pleased to learn that I have decided to attend the university school of education this fall. I am going to Chicago next Sunday on the morning train, and as I have never been in the city before, I would be glad if you would meet me at the depot. I am five feet four inches tall, have light brown eyes, and a pleasing appearance. I shall wear a dark-brown traveling skirt and a blue waist with white yoke. I think I shall know you from your pictures, but for fear I make a mistake, will you please wear your card in your hat?"

"A pathetic incident in connection with a biograph scene occurred in Detroit, Mich., March 17 last," says "Popular Science." "A view made at the occupation of Peking was being flashed across the screen. It represented a detachment of the Fourteenth United States Infantry entering the gates of the Chinese capital. As the last file of soldiers entered, a woman stepped out of the frame on to the stage, there rose a scream from a woman who sat in front. 'My God!' she cried hysterically, 'there is my dead brother Allen marching with the soldiers.' The figure had been recognized by others in the audience as that of Allen McCaskill, who had mysteriously disappeared some years before. Subsequently Mrs. Booth, the sister, wrote to the War Department, and learned that it really was her brother whose presence she so strangely had been confronted with."

Evidence to the Contrary.

Citizen—Madam, why do you persist in punching me with your umbrella? Madam—I want to make you look around, so I can thank you for giving me your seat. Now, sir, don't you go off and say that women haven't any manners.—Chicago "Record-Herald."

An Ambiguous Compliment.

Miss Beekley—I'm so glad I'm not an heiress, Mr. Soper. I should never know whether my suitors were attracted by myself or my money. Mr. Soper—Oh, Miss Beekley, your mirror should leave you in no doubt on that score!—"Punch."

Changed Her Mind.

The house was "handy to the street car line" and in good repair, there were the proper number of closets and the rental was reasonable, but before coming to terms the house-hunting matron said to the agent:

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"That won't make any difference, madam," he said, with a smile. "You will find big families of boys on both sides of you."

"Oh, then I don't want the house at all," she exclaimed. "I want to find a neighborhood where there won't be any boys but mine!"

At last accounts she was still hunting.

JOHN LEE TELLS KENT LIBERALS

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to find with him. He has been a member of the Liberal party all his life and a very ardent worker for the cause and does a lot of political work which is practically unknown by even his fellow workers. He is not afraid to go down in his pocket when there is a demand for money in the party. I think the best tribute I could pay him is that he is thoroughly respected by those who know him best."

Malcolm Campbell, in seconding the motion also paid a very high tribute to Mr. Rutherford, and his worth to the Liberal party of East Kent. After the nomination, speeches were made by the different nominees.

Dr. McCully, upon being called to the platform, said:

"I thank you, gentlemen, for the honor you have given me in allowing to address you once more. I had given up all hopes of ever standing on a platform before you again. I seem to have been partially ignored by the Reform party in East Kent, and received no intimation of this convention here to-day. It was suggested to me that probably the letter was being held back by the Tory postmaster at Blean. But that was not the reason. There were other reasons for not notifying me, that I know nothing about."

"Gentlemen, I am a clear Grit to the bone, and shall always stand by my colors. I will fight you battles if I have the honor to represent you, and if I fail it will be with the flag of the Liberal party wound around me. There are reasons why I should not be chosen to represent you. One is the fact that I am an old man, but if you wish me to be your candidate, I will do my best to win the contest. I can remember when I fought when the cry was 'Rosa must go!' and I shall fight as hard now as I did then. I have never yet failed to do my duty, and I will not now. Since you have asked for my services I place them at your disposal, such as they are."

Rev. Mr. Brown—Mr. President, wouldn't it be in order for the proposed candidates to tell us what the prohibitionists may expect from them if they are elected?

Mr. Gosnell—Well, I suppose they may take whatever position they please.

Dr. McCully—I have been a temperance man all my life and contrast the present condition of the liquor question with what it was years ago. I can remember when there were 15 hotels between the lake shore and Chatham, besides a large number of other places where liquor was sold illicitly. I glory in the party which has reduced and throttled the liquor traffic so that there are only two. It is a glorious record for a man who has a good farm to sell it and hazzard all his money in the Louisiana lottery with the hope of drawing the big ticket. When you are progressing, do not change, but go right on. The Liberal party are doing for temperance all that can be done, so let them continue in it."

Dr. Wiley, of Dresden, was then called upon.

"I merely wish to thank you and to say that I am not a candidate. Dresden, I can assure you, will support the nominee of this convention, whoever he may be."

Mr. Coutts, of Thamesville, the next on the list, also withdrew his name from the contest. "There is no doubt," said he, "but that the candidate whom you elect will be the future member for East Kent."—Applause.

E. E. Parrott was called upon and greeted with the usual cheers. He at first allowed his name to stand, but later in the meeting withdrew.

"I am exceedingly well pleased," said he, "with the large convention which is here assembled. It shows that you are interested in the result of the meeting. It is the duty of a man to take an active part in politics. I have lived for 25 years in Chatham Township, but later on moved to Harwich, where I now reside. I have taken an active part in every political campaign in that time. I have spent many weeks of hard labor and no Liberal candidate or committee has been called upon to reimburse me. It has all been done in the interests of my country. Some years ago the prohibition Liberal men brought me out and urged me to run as a prohibition candidate. It was a mistake. But few men are found in the constituency to-day who have not made some mistakes during their career. I am in full accord with the Reform government, and I think Mr. Ross is entitled to the confidence and support of the people of Ontario. If I am accepted as a candidate I will spend the next three or four weeks in the hard work of organizing the constituency for the campaign. In regard to the temperance question, you all know where I stand. Some people say that my weakness on the temperance question. If elected I will endeavor to enforce and improve the liquor question fairly and justly. I know the riding and all of what is going on inside of our party and I am prepared to put myself in touch with those conditions. I was pleased to see the party and the cause of the Liberal at the last Liberal convention in East Kent a resolution was passed, condemning the practice of ballot-box stuffing. It was said that Mills was defeated in Bothwell, but it was not so. In the final contest he was cheated out of the representation of that riding. Any gang of blackguards, be they Grits or Tories, have no right to command the confidence of the party. I don't know my position in the meeting, but if I am not chosen I will say, 'good-bye' to whoever is the choice of the convention."

Mr. Parrott was loudly applauded when he sat down.

Jonas Gosnell was the next speaker.

I am a great admirer of the Hon. G. W. Ross, and his predecessors, and will make every effort to have him returned to power. I have lived here about 50 years and ever since '37, I

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have been fighting the Liberal cause. My sympathies are with John Lee. He was brought out to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Robert Ferguson, and in all fairness, he should be returned. You have all heard of him and what he has done in the House and know that he has the courage of his convictions. I would withdraw my name in favor of Mr. Lee."

Angus Gilliland was next to speak. "I am glad to see such a large audience here," said he, "and I feel sure that you will do as you have always done, select the coming member for East Kent. (Cheers.) We met a few weeks ago and did the same thing. We selected a man of whom I think we have great reason to feel proud. We have a high standard to live up to in East Kent, and I have no doubt that we will be able to select a good candidate from the material we have before us. I am not a candidate although I thank you for bringing forward my name. I would exhort you to select a man who is unbiased and go to the polls as one, and vote for him. (Cheers.) Be divided on nothing."

James Rutherford was then called upon, and in a few well chosen words said that he was a candidate for the position.

John Lee, the present member, was then given an opportunity to speak and announced his desire to be the candidate.

"I have been mixed for the past six weeks," said he, "and did not decide until a week ago yesterday that I would not have made such a decision without having seen such a decision. I have not been pressed so earnestly by my friends. I am told that if I had announced my position earlier, my friend Mr. Rutherford would not be in the position he is to-day. I had the honor before of being elected to the House by acclamation, for which I am very thankful. During the time I was in Toronto, I performed my duty to the very best of my ability. While there, I did not accord with my views, there did not seem to be any common ground between us. We must get everything we want. We must have party organization. Many questions came up which I would like to have seen disposed of in different ways than they were, such as the school book question, and the extension of the railroad property. The referendum did not suit me, and I made vigorous attempts in committee, to have some changes made in it, but to no avail. Some years ago, I had what I thought was a good solution to the liquor question and that was for the government to pass a bill prohibiting one man from buying a drink for another. This failed when I presented it to the government and the time. There is a long list of inside liquor question and there are a great many people to deal with. The government does not aim to suit the saloon men or the extreme prohibitionists, either, but the masses. I admire Whitney for one thing, and that is that he has the courage of his convictions, whether he is right or wrong, but so has Mr. Ross. Stand up for me and give me your support from next Monday morning and if I go into the campaign against Mr. Davidson I will whip him well!"

Mr. Lee exhibited the many imprints of the various resolutions and movements which have been made there.

As he concluded his speech he was greeted with rounds and rounds of applause from the audience.

The vote was then taken between Messrs. Lee, Rutherford and McCully and resulted in 127 for Mr. Lee, 60 for Mr. Rutherford and 3 for Dr. McCully.

On motion of Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the meeting adjourned.

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