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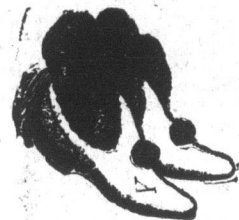
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THE PLANET AND JNO. COCHRANE

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two minutes. He evidently knew Lee. Mr. Lee was well received. He said: "The President has limited me to one or two minutes. I have been your representative for three sessions and I must say it is a very agreeable place. I am not afraid of it. I would like to be your representative yet were it not for business reasons."

WHITNEY'S COMING CABINET

SAYS LEE.

Mr. Lee then branched off into explaining away the Sturgeon Falls business in which he tried to hold the Conservatives up to ridicule. "And the chief mover in this was Beatty Nesbitt, one of the men who will be taken into Mr. Whitney's coming Cabinet," said Mr. Lee. "We have lots of good men. We have had a sample of the speeches which can be made by the would-bees in Mr. Parrott's speech. I think more of Mr. Parrott to-day than I ever did from the way he has acted to-day. Mr. Parrott came to me and asked me who was going to get the nomination and I told him I did not know, that I was keeping out of it."

A voice—Hon. G. W. Ross I thought, WANTED CLANCY FOR THE CABINET.

Mr. Lee—But he did not. Mr. Ross didn't interfere like Whitney did in Mr. Clancy's nomination. Mr. Whitney telegraphed that he wanted Clancy for one of his Cabinet Ministers. We had no information from Ross or Whitney but we appointed Mr. Cochrane ourselves. I told Mr. Parrott that Mr. Cochrane was the strongest man in the County.

BREAKING THE NEWS TO PARROTT.

"Mr. Parrott said to me if John Cochrane will take it I'll take off my coat and work for him. I told Mr. Parrott then to his face that Cochrane was a stronger man than he was."

A voice—That's so!

Mr. Lee—He is a stronger man than John Lee.

A voice—Yes, hear, hear!

Mr. Lee—Now make every vote tell and show the people that a Liberal

can make a better record in East Kent.

As Mr. Lee sat down he was given a good round of applause.

THE PLANET AGAIN.

Rev. A. E. Haydon was then introduced to the convention.

He said he was there to follow the custom of having preachers at conventions. He spoke in high terms of Mr. Cochrane.

"I don't believe that the London Free Press, yes, or even The Planet, can throw mud at Mr. Cochrane."

A voice—They will have to go a long way.

Mr. Haydon—Mr. Bowyer is a strong and a good man.

Four things were wonderful to him (1) Why the Conservatives were against Ross on the temperance question. (2) Why 32 years was too long to be in power. (3) Why the Conservatives raised the purity cry and (4) How the Conservatives can ever expect to win against Mr. Ross. On these few points the reverend gentleman made a most wonderful speech. As to the first point he said Ross had gone as far as he could.

SAYS HIS PRAYERS TO ROSS.

"Mr. Ross is a temperance man and a grand old statesman," he said. "He is a man who whom I can take off my hat, go down on my knees and say my prayers."

A good many thought this a wonderful thing for a clergyman to say but they applauded him for saying it, just the same.

In the second point he said that if Ross had been in power for 32 years he would be better able to look after the affairs of this country than a weak, slovenly freshman would be. If the man is old enough to walk let him carry the burden instead of the man who has been stumbling for 32 years. This was another wonderful statement, which was also applauded.

Mr. Haydon made a huge hit in his fourth point. He told the story of Kurokakin, who said, "Let me at the Japanese and when I get through with them the Japanese will be the language spoken in hell for the next 25 years." He went on to say that Whitney was the Canadian windy man and by inference that the Conservatives were looking at dirt and a man grows like that thing he looks at all the time.

He ended his wonderful speech by saying that Whitney would still be sitting crowing on the opposition benches and Cochrane would be sitting at Ross' right hand to take a shot at him.

As Mr. Haydon resumed his seat he was given a hearty burst of applause.

SENDING NEWS TO THE PLANET.

And then The Planet came up again. Some inquisitive person at the rear of the hall wanted to know if notices of Mr. Cochrane's nomination had been sent to The Planet and the London Free Press. He asked it to make a laugh, but the myth was weak and the alleged joke fell flat, while the joker tried to hide himself under his chair.

BLAKE MILLS SPEAKS.

Blake Mills was the next speaker. The chairman introduced him as Walter Mills, but the speaker made it good with the convention by saying he was a different man altogether. He devoted his time to praising the candidate.

MR. GORDON READS THE PLANET.

D. A. Gordon, M. P., was next, and he was greeted with much applause. He thanked the electors for his splendid victory and hoped for similar things for Mr. Cochrane. He took occasion to criticize Mr. Clancy on his Pain Court speech. In doing so he said:

"I read the speech in The Planet I will have to admit to this Convention that I do read The Planet."

This was also applauded by the convention.

Mr. Gordon spoke in the highest and most friendly terms of his late opponent, Mr. B. W. Willson, and also said good things of Mr. Bowyer. He praised Ross as a statesman and spoke of the three million dollar surplus of the Ontario Government.

SUTHERLAND SPEAKS.

Mr. Sutherland, M. P., of Windsor, was next and he made a very exhaustive address, praising Laurier, and he also pointed out Ross as a clever politician. He quoted J. R. Robertson, of the Toronto Telegram, that you could throw a stone in any country lawyer's office and hit a Whitneyite. He spoke on the finances, surplus, direct taxation, good roads, etc.

The applause was very faint here, as the people at the meeting were becoming weary and were leaving the hall.

MR. WALKER'S TRIBUTE.

Thus, John A. Walker coming next did not get as hearty a reception as he might otherwise have received. It was some time before he was able to commence, and during that time the President was busily engaged in imploring the audience to remain seated.

"Some one has said," commented he, "that The Planet and the London Free Press could not throw mud, I tell you they can throw more mud than a train of cars."

"I am red hot," he concluded, "and I shall start out to-morrow to do all I can for Mr. Cochrane."

The convention then closed with cheers for the King, Cochrane, and the Ross Government.

The last words uttered at the meeting were said by President Ferguson. As the people were crowding for the door he called after them—

"Gentlemen! Don't go away without even shaking hands with the new candidate!"

JOE HIS NEWS FROM THE PLANET.

Joe A. Walker is an old Orford boy, and well-known around Ridgeway. He made an eloquent address, talking on many important questions. He also said that he had received his information about the

city of East Kent candidates from the columns of The Planet, and he had come to Ridgeway to step into the breach if necessary. He, however, found half a dozen candidates all confident that they could carry the riding, but he was glad Cochrane got it. He dwelt on corruption and ballot box stuffing, and said that while Meredith had been the Conservative leader, he was now a good enough judge. He deplored corruption. He was applauded when he said down.

THE OLD WARRIOR.

Again the people commenced to leave the hall. Dr. McCully, the old warrior, then came forward and warmed up for the fray. He urged every man in the convention to go out and work for Cochrane.

The President then called upon Mayor Regardt to close the meeting, but Mr. Regardt had gone, and some one suggested Mayor Ribble, of Dresden, as a substitute.

LAST WHACK AT THE PLANET.

Mayor Ribble closed the meeting with a masterly address on the work of The Planet and the London Free Press. He was sorry that a son of the late David Mills had spoken at a Conservative Convention. It hurt him, and the feeling seemed to be general among the audience.

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COWAN FOR MAYOR.

The withdrawal of Ald. E. A. Mounter from the Mayoralty contest leaves Mr. Geo. W. Cowan alone in the field with the probabilities of his election by acclamation. Mr. Cowan has had several years of municipal experience, has earned the position and will doubtless grace the mayoral chair. The coming year will be an important one for the city and it will be well to have an able and progressive man at the head.

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Births, Marriages and Deaths.

DIED.

WEMP—On Thursday, Dec. 22nd, 1904, George Wemp, Jr., aged 49 years. Funeral will take place Sunday at 2:30, from late residence, Pine St., to Maple Leaf Cemetery.

PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—11 a. m.—Mild, with occasional showers. Saturday, weather becoming much colder with northerly winds. Sunday, cold.

TO-NIGHT.

K. O. T. M., No. 8, in their rooms, 1 O. O. F. Temple, at 8.

The Victoria Ave. Epworth League will meet in the S. S. Hall at 8.

Young People's Society, lecture hall of William St. Baptist Church, at 8.

Young People's Society of the First Presbyterian Church, S. S. Hall at 8.

Peninular Lodge, No. 2, A. O. U. W., will meet in their hall opposite the Hotel Rankin.

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Mrs. Chas. Heath and daughter Isabelle left to-day to spend Christmas with friends in Stratford.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Crow and daughter Blanche leave to-day to spend the holidays with friends in Detroit.

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Badly Injured By Falls.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—John Kelly, painter, working on the Goulding Building, on Wellington street, was laying a plank over an open staircase yesterday when he lost his balance and plunged through the opening, falling on the ground, 30 feet below. Several ribs were fractured, the broken ends of which pierced the pleural cavity. He was in a semi-conscious condition when taken to the Emergency Hospital, and was suffering severely from the shock. He has only a fighting chance for his life.

Joseph Scholey, 344 Berkeley street, fell through a trap door in a planing mill at 193 Ontario street. His spine was injured. He was taken home in the ambulance.

Found Crased In Woods.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 23.—Wednesday a man was found wandering in the woods about three miles from here in a crazed condition, suffering from cold and hunger. His name is supposed to be Griggs, but nothing can be learned as to where he came from or who his relatives are. About a year ago he went into the woods 25 miles and built a log cabin and lived on what he could kill and take from the ground. He had been taken to the hospital.

Tugs Still Missing.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 23.—Nothing has yet been heard from the tugs Reid and Boynton, sent out to search for Demers and Bellier of the Caribou Island light, 20 miles from Michipicoten Island. Considerable anxiety is felt here for their safety. The search is under the direction of W. H. Drummell, an engineer from the Marine Department at Ottawa.

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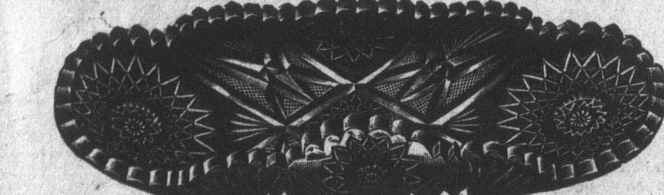
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