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PROGRESSIVE CONVENTION

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TOWN HALL, TEESWATER

TUESDAY, JUNE 8th, 1926

at 2 o'clock p. m.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELECTING A CANDIDATE TO CONTEST THE SOUTH RIDING OF BRUCE IN THE NEXT PROVINCIAL ELECTION

Officers will be elected for the coming year.

Mr. R. H. Habert, ex-M.P., Progressive Organizer for Ontario will address the meeting after the selection of a candidate. A good representation of the riding is hoped for.

LADIES SPECIALLY INVITED

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NO DECISION IN DAMAGE ACTION

The only case to come before His Honor Judge Spotton of Guelph at the county court here on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week took the form of an action brought by Mrs. Albert Fennell of Walkerton and her brother, Mr. Ephriam White, hardware merchant of Moorefield, to recover damages from the County of Bruce as a result of an auto accident near the 10th con- bridge, Brant, in August last when White's car went over a 15-foot embankment, culminating in Mrs. Fennell sustaining a broken collar bone and other injuries, for which she is asking \$500 damages from Bruce, while White is seeking \$140 balm for injuries to his car. The plaintiffs maintain, through their solicitor Mr. Campbell Grant of Walkerton that the accident was caused by the edge of the roadway giving away and letting their car down in a sort of landslide. They claim that the approach to the bridge, which is a county structure, was constructed largely of loose, sandy material in that the gravel was put on in a very negligent manner. Also that the approach to the bridge should have been provided with a guard rail for protection to the public, and that a printed notice or sign, warning people of the dangerous condition of the highway at this point should have been posted up. The defendant municipality, through its solicitor, Mr. David Forrester of Paisley, maintains that the steering gear on plaintiff's car was out of or-

der, which claim was substantiated by the evidence of Mr. M. A. McCallum, M.P.P., and Mr. Russell Findlay, who testified that they had met the flivver zig-zagging from side to side about 200 yards from the west or opposite side of the bridge. After it had got safely over the bridge they looked around to see how it was faring, and missing the sight of it, they rushed back and found that it had gone over the embankment. They went to the help of the stranded party and brought the injured lady to a nearby home, the other passengers in the bus having escaped practically any injury. Others who testified on behalf of the County included Wm. Alexander who was inspector of the work on the approach to the bridge; G. E. Stephenson, County Engineer; and Deo Reeve Ed. Threndyle of Brant and all of whom maintained that the roadway at this point was in safe condition for travel. Dr. Hall, M.P. who attended Mrs. Fennell, and George Scott, gave evidence for the plaintiff. The Judge, after listening attentively to the able summing up of the opposing counsel on Wednesday morning, announced that he would reserve judgment on the matter for a time.—Herald-Times.

WIFE'S MAINTENANCE

A bill that passed the Ontario Legislature at its recent session has special interest to married people as it amended the law which requires a man to support his wife so that it will force him to make such adequate provision for her as his circumstances may permit at the time of his death. It would prevent a man from cutting off his wife in his will. At the present time a man is bound by law to provide for his wife as long as she lives. He is under no legal obligation, however, to provide for his wife after his death. If he dies without a will she shares in his estate as provided by law. If he makes a will, except real estate he can leave all his property to whomsoever he wishes. He may be worth a million dollars, and yet dispose of his estate without leaving his wife one cent. The bill provides that when a man dies without leaving a will and does not make reasonable provision for his wife, the court may on application, make provision out of the estate for his wife.

A movement is on foot now to prohibit roadside refreshment booths from opening in Ontario this summer, the contention being that they are unfair competition to the hotels that accommodate the public the year round.

"FOR THE LOVE OF JOHNNY"

The play "For the Love of Johnny" was excellently presented for the last time, at the St. Mary's Hall, on Monday evening, May 24th. It was largely attended by the people of Formosa and the surrounding districts.

The cast was composed of members of the local Literary Society who displayed remarkable talent in the splendid performance of their respective parts.

The comedy drama consisted of three acts. The action of the play opens in New Mexico in the ranch home of Jerrymeyer and Harriet Banks. Their daughter, Dorothy, lives with them, also Ethel, their niece, who is made the household drudge and Johnny the latter's brother, who works at the mill owned by Mr. Wayburn, an unscrupulous and wealthy mine owner. Mr. Wayburn wishes to marry Ethel but she does not return his love, but lavishes it all upon her brother Johnny. Mr. Wayburn, aided by Mrs. Banks, plans to win her by sending Johnny away on a supposed business trip from which he is never to return. His plans, however, are to be frustrated. An Indian Turkey-Legs, who guided Father Ryan, a Catholic priest, to the mission recognizes in Mr. Wayburn a wicked man and a murderer of his squaw. He threatens revenge and is shot by Mr. Wayburn who leaves him for dead. The Indian is only wounded, however.

Father Ryan visits the ranch and Ethel finds in him a true friend. He makes it known that he is searching for a long lost brother, who was reared in an orphanage and later at an early age adopted into a wealthy family by the same name, Banks. Mr. and Mrs. Banks had been killed in some mysterious way. Ethel tells him as much of her life history and that of Johnny as she can remember and he becomes convinced that he has found his own brother.

The following evening Dorothy and Phil, her soldier lover, go to a dance and Ethel is left all alone in the ranch house. Wayburn enters and when she will not listen to his suit he becomes violent. Ethel faints and Father Ryan breaks in the locked door. A struggle ensues, during which Turkey-Legs, the Indian, enters unobserved and stabs Mr. Wayburn. Jerrymeyer and the Aunt return at this moment and to their surprise find Mr. Wayburn dead. Father Ryan cannot account for the deed. He is accused of the murder and held for trial.

Ethel has given up all hope of Johnny's return and gives him up for dead.

She is now unmercifully turned out of the Bank home and the Aunt means to hold possession of the ranch which rightfully belongs to Ethel. As Ethel is about to leave, Johnny returns, disguised as Mr. Woods. He has learned from Father Ryan that he is the priest's younger brother who was adopted into the Banks family and reared as Ethel's brother. He tells Ethel that she is the rightful owner of the ranch.

Father Ryan is acquitted of the killing of Dick Wayburn, Turkey Legs confesses the crime and escapes and Ethel's property is restored to her. Then Ethel learns that Johnny is not her brother at all and when he discloses his identity they embrace and pledge everlasting fidelity.

Characters were:

Ethel Banks . . . Miss Helene Kelly
Harriet Banks . . Miss Helen Weiler
Dorothy Banks, Miss Marie Dentinger
Dick Wayburn Gerald Oberle
Jerrymeyer Banks, Benno Dentinger
Phil Osborne Leo Kramer
John Turkey Legs, Corn. Obermeyer
Father Ryan Leo Oberle
Johnny Banks Nch. Weiler
Mr. Woods Nch. Weiler

Characters as they appeared, Ethel Banks, the leading lady was exceptionally well presented by Miss Helene Kelly. She portrayed very effectively the sad feelings of a poor depicted orphan and had very little trouble in enlisting the sympathy of all present.

Mrs. Banks, the cold passionate Aunt, was forcibly characterized by Miss Helen Weiler. It was a difficult part to act, one that tended to arouse rather a harsh criticism from a sentimental audience. Helen, however, had the audience laughing and produces a rather ludicrous effect by giving expression to her feeling, frequently exclaiming, "Well of all things."

Dorothy Banks, the daughter was excellently looked after by Miss Marie Dentinger. She was really devoted to her soldier lover Phil. Osborne.

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ure of the poor. The fact is illustrated by an anecdote told in Goldsmith's "Citizen of the World."

A Chinese mandarin, appearing in a blaze of diamonds, was ostentatiously thanked for them by a bystander in the street.

The speech was so odd that the mandarin asked the man what he meant, saying, "I never gave you any of them."

"No," replied the man, "but you have let me look at them, and looking at them is all the use you can make of them yourself; so that there

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