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PROTEST PLANNED IN SOUTH BRUCE

(London Free Press)

Payment of expenses of a candidate who withdrew from a three-cornered contest in South Bruce is reported as subject for a protest in that riding, which may result in the election being voided. The situation brings to attention also the retirement of one of three candidates in several other Western Ontario Ridings, and public announcement by the Liberal candidate in East Kent that he had declined a payment of \$500 toward his expenses, as an inducement to withdraw.

In South Bruce candidates were named by the Progressives, Liberals and Conservatives. The Liberal candidate, J. G. Anderson, of Lucknow, a former M.L.A., was named in June. One month before polling day, Dr. Irwin, president of the Ontario Prohibition Union, and Sam Carter, of Guelph, representing Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Raney, endeavored to bring about withdrawal either of Mr. Anderson or the Progressive candidate, M. A. McCallum, in order to insure election of an anti-Government candidate. This effort apparently failed, and Mr. Anderson as late as November 13 issued a manifesto asking for support, and stating that he had the backing of the central organization of the Liberal party. Later he did withdraw, however, and the TeleScope, Liberal paper in Walkerton, reported "that satisfactory arrangement was made to take care of the expenses incurred by Mr. Anderson."

Returns from the last poll in South Bruce reached the Free Press from Walkerton last evening, and the revised totals are 4,841 for Cargill, conservative, and 4,891 for McCallum, Progressive, a majority for the latter of 50.

"It is reported" says The Free Press' dispatch from Walkerton, that the Conservative executive has entered a protest against Mr. McCallum's election on the ground that payment to J. G. Anderson, Liberal candidate, who withdrew, was illegal. It is claimed that Anderson was paid \$250 to defray his expenses while in the field, and whether this is legitimate procedure will be decided in the courts. The action is stated to include the names of several local ministers, who, it is said, assisted in raising the sum asked by Mr. Anderson. The payment of the Liberal candidate was in accord with a resolution adopted at a joint meeting of the Liberals, Progressives and Prohibitionists held at Paisley a short time previous to the election.

The Election Act declares guilty of an act of bribery "every person who in order to induce a person to withdraw from being a candidate at an election, directly or indirectly gives or lends, or offers or promises or agrees to give or lend any money or valuable consideration to such person, or to any other person."

"Candidate" under the Election Act means anyone chosen as such or declaring himself to be such, and the term applies from such choice or declaration, not from official nomination day only."

Pending the outcome of the reported protest in South Bruce several members-elect will be on the anxious seat, and if the South Bruce election should be voided there will be a hot by-election in a riding which has been the scene of many historic battles.

How quickly the bride's sunshine is eclipsed by the groom's moonshine.

Keep on smashing records—all except the one made by Rip Van Winkle.

DRAGGED BY RUNAWAY TEAM

Mr. Andy Johnston, aged 21, and second son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnston, of Brant, was almost killed in a runaway accident on the county highway near Dunkeld on Tuesday afternoon about 2.30 o'clock.

It seems that Mr. Johnston was coming towards Walkerton, sitting on a barrel in a wagon used for drawing gravel, and containing a few loaded grain bags, when a passing auto truck scared his horses at Misch's corner and they started off at a lively clip. In bouncing over the hard rough road, the front board came out of the wagon and allowed the barrel to roll with the driver forward onto the wiffletrees, where Mr. Johnston's foot caught as he fell to the road. Seeing him fall Norman Misch and Bert Schultz rushed forward and tried to head off the runaway team, but they brushed by them and continued their wild flight up the road, with young Johnston dragged along on the frozen ground.

After running about a mile they were halted just before they reached the railway track by the driver of the Imperial Oil Truck, who beholding them coming madly toward him, placed his mammoth iron truck across the road as a barrier and advanced to intercept their flight. He succeeded in capturing them, and in freeing Johnston from his terrible predicament. The young man, who had nearly all his clothing torn off him on the road, and who had practically all the skin scraped off him from the knees to the stomach, besides sustaining several severe cuts about the head, was still conscious when found, and, gamely getting to his feet, inquired for one of his shoes which had been lost in the flight. He was rushed in Birrell's flour truck to the Bruce County Hospital at Walkerton, where Drs. Stalker and McCue attended his case. An examination of his injuries showed the flesh to have been almost worn through at the abdomen, and from which two big handfuls of gravel were extracted by the surgeons. A serum to prevent tetanus (lockjaw) was administered to the victim whose abdominal wounds were considered to be the most serious of his many injuries. The cuts in the head, while numerous and painful, are not of an alarming nature. The youth at time of going to press, was stated to be making a good recovery.—Times.

MUST SHOVEL SNOW

The town council at Port Elgin grew bold at their last meeting and passed a by-law making it compulsory for property owners and occupants of property on the business section of their main streets to have the ice and snow cleared from their sidewalks by ten in the morning and in the event of anyone failing to have their portion of the walk cleared by that time someone employed by the council shall be ordered to clear it and the cost charged to the owner of the property in his taxes. That is a progressive by-law if it is enforced. But to pass such a law and then let anyone who feels like it disregard it removes from it all its merit. Other councils would do well to place such a law on the statutes.

Some things last a great while if pickled, but that doesn't mean men.

The feed supply is such that few can afford to waste either roughage or grains. A well-blended mixture that approaches a balanced ration is the best method of conserving feed because it is the least wasteful.

Wit and Hum

Why She Carried It
"I suppose you carry a memento of some sort in that locket of yours?"
"Yes, it is a lock of my husband's hair."
"But your husband is still alive?"
"Yes, but his hair is gone."

Now-a-Days
Mistress—I put a tight evening gown in the wardrobe last night, Jan; just hand it to me.
Maid—There's nothing here, mum, only a couple of fat moths.

The Acid Test
"Is it a love match?"
"It must be. They played bridge as partners all summer and are still fond of each other."

She Knew Her Stuff
She—I'm a dairy maid in a candy kitchen.
He—Dairy maid in a candy kitchen. What do you do?
She (bashfully)—Milk chocolates.

A New York football player yesterday caught a football thrown from a window on the twentieth story of a skyscraper. When he throws it back again we'll cheer.

"Did anybody ever kiss you before, darling?"
"Oh—yes."
"Is he too big for me to thrash?"
"Possibly not too big—but he might be too many."

Identification
Judge Soakem—You say you were never in this court before?
Defendant—No, sir. I ain't never been in no court before.
Judge—I've certainly seen your face somewhere.
Defendant—You sure have, your honor. I'm your bootlegger.

A Vise for the Stubble
A troupe of Shakespearean actors of extremely uncertain financial standing was lounging in the lobby of a small-town hotel. The manager entered and addressed the leading man of the company.
"Don't forget. We're playing 'Hamlet' tonight," he announced.
"Hamlet, eh?" replied handsome Harry. "All right, but I can't play Hamlet with this three-day beard. Gimme twenty-five cents for a shave. The manager reeled slightly.
"Twenty-five cents! Oh, shucks! We'll play Macbeth."

Neighbor: "What's the matter with your hand, Mac?"
Mac—It happened last night when I was coming home from Ferguson's wedding. I'd almost reached my house when some clumsy body came along and trod on my hand.

Bill—Yes, my father will soon have another wife to support.
Walter—What You don't mean to tell me he's going to turn bigamist?
Bill—No, I'm going to get married.

The young bride had come out second best in her first encounter with the cookbook and gas range. She ran to the telephone and called up her mother.

"Mother," she sobbed "I can't understand it. The recipe says clearly, 'Bring to boil on brisk fire, stirring for two minutes; then beat it for ten minutes.' And when I came back again it was burned to a crisp."

Popping the Question
A timid man who wanted to propose to his girl but never dared, finally took her to his family lot in the cemetery, and said "Wouldn't you like to be buried here some day."

May—The photographers never do me justice.
Ray—You want mercy, not justice, dear.

When a Man Needs a Friend
Cashier (at bank)—You will have to bring some one here to identify you before we can cash this check. Got any friend in town?
Stranger—No. I'm a tax collector.

blao,uhma consider I T.I.N.Ta's Minister—Do you take this man for better or for worse?
Dusky Bride—No, suh, I takes him jes as he is. If he gets any bettah he'll die an' if he gets any wus, ah'll kill him mahself.

The unassuming and yet efficient manner in which medical evidence was given and accepted at the recent trial for murder of Kate Hardman was commented upon by the Saint Ste. Marie Star. "In striking contrast to the verbal volleys heard in American courts," the Star says, "was the quiet and unemotional testimony given by doctors in this trial. A young woman accused of murder was examined by competent physicians as to her sanity. They found certain mental conditions which justified a verdict that she was not responsible for her act. She was accordingly committed to a hospital for the insane. There was no fuss and feathers. The evidence was given in a plain, straightforward manner that could be understood by the least informed layman. No theories of vague 'complexes' were introduced; no 'ooghs' and 'isms' were deemed a necessary part of the testimony. There was no theatrical cross quibbling. The evidence of capable men was accepted. That was all there was to it. What a contrast to similar trials across the border!"

Yes! Doubtless the Americans think the alienist missed a great opportunity for advertising. What might have been made into a sensational case, rich in 'sex stuff' was disposed of in a competent manner that reflected credit on all concerned. But, then, that is the Canadian way!

TO EXHUME ALGOMA NIMROD'S BODY AFTER OVER TWO YEARS IN GRAVE

Owen Sound, Ont., Dec. 4.—Dead more than two years, the result of an accident while hunting in the Algoma wilds, an inquest is now likely to be held into the cause of death of James Elder, 25 years old, late member of the Allenford Hunt Club. Crown Attorney Freeborn of Walkerton has ordered the remains exhumed. He died at the hotel in Killarney on November 4th, 1924. There was no inquest at the time. The young hunter was accidentally shot while out hunting that day, on the shores of Lake Georgia, in Algoma. He was found by Dr. Hammond of Allenford, who rendered first aid and secured further assistance. He died while being brought to Owen Sound Hospital.

Some time ago it was hinted that all the facts did not come out. For two weeks provincial police have been investigating at the attorney-general's instigation. Hon. Mr. Price turned the case over to the crown attorney.

The first story to come from the north was that young Elder had met with an accident, that his gun had exploded, wounding him in the right side and in the wrist. Dr. Hammond, of Allenford, a member of the party, was the first to reach his side. He said that while hunting he thought he heard a moan. Later, he saw a hand wave and later came upon the injured man. Dr. Campbell of Ashtabula, Ohio, a surgeon who was a member of the party, dressed the wounds and with great difficulty the young man was taken to Killarney.

The investigation has brought some hitherto unknown facts to light and there is a possibility of startling evidence. A jury will be empanelled, probably at Tara, to hear the evidence.

HORSES GO FOR FOX FEED
Auctioneer-Pearce had the most notable experience at his professional life at a sale a few days ago, when he was right pleased to have bids offered for a bunch of old decrepit farm steeds for which he did not expect an offering of any kind, from the good crowd of buyers assembled. Three of these old implement haulers were disposed of at figures that aggregated the sum of \$4 for the lot—two at \$1 each and the other at \$2. Had it not been that there is a new factor in the horse market there would have been no bids. The fox farmers of the district are on the look-out for cheap meat, and they, we are told were the ultimate purchasers of the carcasses. The Paisley junk dealer was the fortunate man in the market that day. He was the successful bidder for two or three of the equines, and appears to have made a good turnover. One he sold to an Elderslie fox rancher for \$5.00, according to reports, then purchased the hide for \$2.00, which will give him another return of \$1.50 when he passes it on to the big dealers. One of the horses was led ten miles to the sale, and had a good hatter on its head, so that there was not much of a reward for a long trip, even for the length.

animal, but the owner at least was glad to draw the \$3 that came out of the sale for him. Altogether it was a day productive of sad memories for the old horse brigade. Mr. Pearce had a brighter time of it at Mrs. J. B. Smith's sale in Saugeen, when bidders ran good cows up to over \$100 each.

HOWICK

The former Methodist Church at Wroxeter, which was recently purchased by the Anglican congregation, will be re-opened next Sunday. Services will be held in the morning and evening, and the preacher will be an Archdeacon from London.

At the Wroxeter municipal nomination meeting held in the council chamber Monday evening the following nominations were made: Reeve—John Henneberg; John Douglas; Council—R. Stocks, J. Moffit, N. White, F. Wright; Trustees—J. R. Wendt, Arnold Edgar.

The residence of Thos. Bunston, Fordwich, had a close call from destruction by fire about one o'clock Saturday afternoon. Mr. Bunston had started a fire in a small heater in an upstairs room and had then left to return to work telling those at the house to "keep an eye" on the fire. Fortunately his sister, Mrs. Cummins, went to the room a short time afterwards, and while she was there the fire broke out in the ceiling, caused by excessive heat from the pipes. Mrs. Bunston succeeded in extinguishing the blaze before any serious damage was done.

Mrs. John Drier (Jane Johnston) a daughter of the late Alex Johnston, sixth con. Howick, died on November 12th at the home of her son, William Driver, railroad engineer, of Kamloops, B.C. Deceased, who was 72 years of age, left here 45 years ago for Morden, Manitoba, where she resided for 30 years. Her husband died 12 years ago. She is survived by two sons: Herbert, of Saskatoon, a veteran of the Great War, and William of Kamloops. One other son died about nine years ago. Mrs. Driver was a niece of Mrs. Samuel Johnston, ninth con., and a half-sister of Abraham Johnston, sixth con.

COMPULSORY INSURANCE

(Brandon Sun)

The automobile compulsory insurance experiment to be inaugurated by Massachusetts, January 1, will be watched with interest all over the country. The statute makes it compulsory for every motorist to take out one of three forms of protection before he can obtain his automobile license plates for 1927. First of all, he can take out a liability policy for \$5,000. In this case the insurance company must pay any judgment against him for injuries his car has inflicted upon others.

The motorist's second choice is a surety bond in the amount of \$5,000. This merely acts a financial assurance that judgment against him, up to \$5,000, will be paid. The third choice is for the motorist to deposit with the state \$5,000 in cash or securities. In case a judgment is obtained against the motorist and he is insolvent or cannot meet the judgment the state pays the judgment out of the amount it has on deposit. In that case the motorist, in order to retain his license and to comply with the law, must make up any deficit in the amount on deposit so that at all times the amount totals \$5,000.

Massachusetts is the first state to compel automobile insurance on every one. The rate has not yet been determined. It is a question whether more or less accidents will result.

FOUND LYING ON ROAD-SIDE BRUCE MAN DIES OF INJURIES

Jas. Struthers, well-known retired farmer of Underwood, who was found in a serious condition on the roadside and is believed to have been hit by some passing vehicle while suffering from the effects of a sudden attack of paralysis, died last Friday morning at his home in Underwood. Mr. Struthers, who was 83 years of age, had been a prominent resident of Brant Township for many years. He was one his way to a political meeting when the accident happened. He is survived by his widow, two sons and five daughters. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon.—Hanover Post.

Have you paid your taxes?

Probably the phrases, "I beg your pardon" and "Thank You" do as much in the course of a year to add to the general cheerfulness of humanity as any other phrases of the same length.

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Father and Son

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Roy is a handsome lad of fifteen, who is very proud of a new set of head phones some friend sent to him. Now he can hear as far as Boston on his radio. The wires come right in by his cot, where he rests most of the time. You see, Roy is in the Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives and is by no means as well as he looks, although he says he is getting along fine. He can visit his Dad, too, which is another source of comfort to him.

Dad is in the same institution, also making the never ceasing struggle against the fell disease. So often family. Both are really making good progress, however—the complete rest, the discipline and the care of kindly nurses and doctors are having their usual good effect in this efficient institution.

The Muskoka Hospital is urgently in need of funds. What can you do to help?

Contributions may be sent to Hon. W. A. Charlton, President, 225 College Street, Toronto 2, Ontario.

She (coolly)—But, Harold, are you sure you love me?

He—Well, what do you suppose I'm doing—trying to wrestle?