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MCKINLEY'S KNOCK OUT.

Mr. McKinley the republican nominee for president has encountered the new woman, and has suffered accordingly. We have heard of a witty English divine who was very much alarmed lest he should be talked to death by wild curates. Mr. McKinley appears to be in fear of being talked to death by somebody, and his replies in an interview by Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lease, are almost pathetic. He seemed to feel his helplessness. Yet even this penetrating female was unable to make the American Syphx do much more than wink. She asked him all manner of questions. Here is a sample: "Scotland is the only nation of the civilized world upon which the moneybreeders have not placed the octopus of mortgaged indebtedness?"

A startled look, half fear, lest he had given utterance to an unguarded statement, half defiance lest I should pursue the subject further leaped into Major McKinley's eyes. "What a pity," I continued, "that we have not imitated in this country the example of the Scots. The gold-owners have purchased us body and soul."

No reply. Every effort to continue the conversation was futile. I changed the theme. In reply to the question "Has woman a future in politics?" he replied.

"Beyond all doubt, she has a great future. Who can doubt her advancement along every line when we view the wonderful progress she has made in the past?"

Continuing Mrs. Lease says: An effort to obtain some expression to economic questions was void. "I am not being interviewed at present," he said. "I think it is the part of wisdom to remain silent." The interview then went on as follows: "I would like your views on Socialism," I suggested; "its spirit is permeating the hearts of men. The condition of the people is such that the tariff will not even prove a palliative. Machinery has displaced human labor; industry is in rags and idleness. Will a tariff benefit the men whose occupation has been taken by labor-saving machinery?"

"I do not care to discuss that question," he replied.

"But the conditions are forcing a discussion of these questions upon us, and we are not brave to shirk them," I said.

"It is too great a question for you and me to enter upon; we could not settle it," Major McKinley calmly retorted.

Now comes the time for Mrs. Lease to get in her work on the silent and impassive major, and, she does it. The interview is reported in the World, signed by Mrs. Lease, and here are some of her expressions regarding the major: "If it is true, as Dr. Arnold, of Rugby fame says, 'that a man cannot act unless he knows,' then action cannot be expected from Major McKinley, for apparently he is not in possession of any knowledge. He impressed me as being a mile-stone having engraved upon it the distance more or less from the National Capitol. He is a living example of disruption of self. The atmospheric power which protects individuality has been broken down by the forced conditions which have brought him into contact and made him dependent upon others. A lack of self-confidence marks the man. You do not need to ask him questions to know that he is a stultification. 'I refuse to be put on record,' is in his manner and lurks in his eyes. Looking at him one can say with Emerson, 'Be still for what you are stands over you and speaks so loudly I cannot hear what you say.' His speeches are read from manuscript. His every public utterance is prepared. He does not dare trust himself, for he has not been true to himself. He is on record as candidate for the Presidency on a platform which his past career and his every public utterance in the past have repudiated." Major McKinley has closed eye and ear to the needs of the people, and standing as did Pontius Pilate before the multitude, he "washes his hands of the blood of the Just One." Major McKinley is the most colossal example of moral turpitude and political cowardice the age has known."

Probably the truth of McKinley's silence on this occasion is that he was awed. There is something to be feared in a strong minded female. The major was brave in battle—he is a good fighter in an election campaign, but Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lease was more than his courage could face.

At a meeting of the Young Liberals Club, of Toronto, held last week, this resolution was carried:—"That this club is of the opinion that hereafter all persons holding office under the Crown, except the members of the government, should abstain from active participation in political contests and that we urge upon the Provincial and Do-

minion governments the necessity in the public interests of carrying out this principle."

The St. Croix Courier, one of the oldest and most reliable newspapers of the province, has changed its form, and now appears as an eight page paper, about the size of the St. John Sun. It presents a neat and attractive appearance, and will probably be no less reliable than formerly, because it has adopted the up-to-date shape.

Messrs. Hall & Fairweather Assign.

Messrs. Hall & Fairweather, wholesale grocers of 7 and 9 Ward street, have assigned to Messrs. S. S. DeForest and G. Wetmore Merritt. The liabilities are about \$60,000 and the assets cannot be estimated until stock is taken and the books balanced. The firm are now engaged at that work and as soon as possible will put a statement of their affairs before their creditors. It is thought that a compromise will be made by which the firm will be allowed to go on with their business.

The failure is largely due to a loss of \$50,000 the firm sustained a few years ago by the dishonesty of a confidential employee. They also lost heavily in shipping and a few days ago met with a loss of \$5,000 which they were unable to bear.

The creditors include Messrs. Merritt Bros. & Co., the Bank of New Brunswick and several Western milling concerns. The firm of Hall & Fairweather has been in existence for nearly half a century, and have always had an excellent standing in commercial circles. Mr. Hall, the surviving member of the firm, is one of the most honorable and respected of St. John's business men.—St. John Telegraph.

Cold Storage System.

The Laurier Cabinet is maturing plans for the cold storage system, which it intends to adopt for next season. It will shortly enter into contracts with several steamship companies for a trans-Atlantic cold storage service, subject to the approval of Parliament. The first industry to receive attention will be that of butter-making. Bonuses will be granted for the establishment of creameries throughout the country. A creamery which is established in 1897 will receive \$100. of which \$50 will be paid for the first year, \$25 the second, and \$25 the third. Creameries established in 1896 will be helped to the extent of \$25. By this bonus it is hoped to give the creamery business a good impetus at the start. When this has been got under way attention will be paid to the shipment of fruit in cold storage, but before the details of the system is determined, the trade will be consulted. Most likely the fruit-growers will be asked to establish cold storage stations in the various districts, which will be assisted by bonuses or in such a way as may be agreed upon after a consultation. The trade in eggs will be taken up, and trial shipments made by way of experiment.—Ex.

A Great Picture and Paper.

It is little wonder the publishers of the Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal, find their business tremendously on the increase. True merit tells in Canada as well as any country in the world, and no one can deny that the Family Herald and Weekly Star is a thing of rare merit that would command success anywhere. There are people in this country who have been taking the Family Herald and Weekly Star for upwards of a quarter of a century, and they declare that it is making greater advances in the way of improvement than in any year in the twenty-five. Comparing it even with the paper of two years ago no one could believe, without seeing it, that it could in such a short time become so vastly superior to itself. We understand the price is only One dollar a year, and this year the dollar will secure that wonderfully pathetic picture that is creating such a sensation abroad, entitled "The Orphan's Prayer."

Apples and Cranberries.

A dispatch from Washington, says:—The Department of Agriculture reports that the average condition of apples has remained partially stationary during the month of September. The crop is represented as being heavy and of fine quality in the northern tier of States and prices extremely low. This is particularly the case in Michigan, where the markets are glutted. Fine packed fruit is selling in that state as low as 35c per barrel, and evaporating stock at 10c per 100 pounds. The Digby Courier says:—Notwithstanding that frosts destroyed nearly half the prospective crop of cranberries in the Annapolis Valley, the yield is very large. Mr. Henry Shaw, of Waterville, has gathered 100 bbls. from a two acre bog, which undoubtedly would have had 200 bbls. had it not been for the frost. He estimated the total yield for the two counties at not less than 3,000 barrels. Montreal purchases the whole crop, and besides imports largely from the United States. It is expected that about \$5 per barrel will be the net returns, or \$15,000 for the whole year's crop.

Two People Burned to Death.

Wednesday morning last a most tragic affair occurred in Lower Burton, a place about two miles above Upper Gagetown. During the gale Henry Estabrooks' house caught fire, and when the family awoke they had difficulty in escaping with their lives, some being forced to jump from the upper windows. In the confusion at first none were missed, but soon it was discovered that the hired man, Sylvester Wright (colored), about thirty-five years old, and Amelia Appleby, the domestic, were missing and could not be found. Then it was impossible to reach them, and in a few minutes the shrieks of the unfortunate people were heard above the roar of the wind and flames. Their charred remains were found among the ruins the next morning.

Our Hay Sells Well.

OTTAWA, Oct. 16.—Agent Down, at Bristol, reports to the Trade Department that Canadian hay is realizing good prices in England. He suggests that good prices can be realized by the apple trade, provided shippers take care that a good quality of stock is sent over.

DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS

The Old Game Worked By Scott Spotters in Yarmouth.

The Yarmouth Times is authority for the following story which will be read with interest by a great many people in this county—by those who are in the habit of catching, and by those liable to be caught:—"About the middle of September a mild-looking man with a red face, a red moustache, and a head of curly grey hair arrived in Yarmouth. He put up at the Mayflower House, kept by Mr. Walter Murphy, and after a few days there changed his quarters to the Queen Hotel. There he registered as Mr. J. P. Blair, and represented himself as a representative of the dry goods firm of Brown, Thompson & Co., of Hartford, Conn. He had a seductive manner and a rich warm Scotch dialect, which combination soon won him friends. He talked touchingly of Glasgow—which he called "Glasca," and of the many beauties and admirable things about "Auld Scotland." Such a man was irresistible, and he was rapidly initiated into the mysteries of how the oracle was worked in Scott Act towns. Later on, a thick-set man with steel grey eyes, a close cropped head and a reddish moustache arrived from Boston. He dropped his "r's" in a thoroughly Bostonese style and had a commanding manner which might belong to anyone from a circus agent to a base ball captain. He was a friend of Mr. Blair. That was enough, and with that mild mannered son of Scotia he enjoyed the advantages of the underground railway. Like the festive butterfly in summer time, they jumped from flower to flower and freely sipped honey from all. True to the traditions of his beloved country the Scotch butterfly took his honey in the shape of "whiskey," while the burly Bostonian took ale, as being milder and equally illegal.

Then, last Friday morning they bid adieu to friends they had made and passed away. It was au revoir, not farewell. They were ticketed for Digby, but got off at Hebron, and there sought the seclusion that Mr. Chas. M. Rodgers' house granted. That afternoon a blizzard broke upon Yarmouth. The policemen off duty were deluged with "papers" and before nightfall it became known that such a wholesale attack upon those suspected of dealing in the beverages the Scott affects but the Scott Act prohibits, had been made as had not been heard of for many a day. Suspicion fell upon the canny Scot and his comrade and their memory was no longer surrounded with fragrance.

The man who had spoke so touchingly of the "land o' the leal," and who knew so much about "Glasca," was an operative of a Boston detective agency vulgarly known as a "spotter" and the thick-set American gent with the dominating manner was none other than his "boss," Mr. J. Loren Greenleaf, licensed detective of Boston, Mass., U. S. A., chief of Greenleaf's detective agency. They had been employed to come to Yarmouth and obtain evidence to convict suspected violators of the Scott Act.

Kitchen's Contract.

Willard Kitchen, of Fredericton, has been awarded the contract for building the granite piers of the new Memramcook bridges. His figure is in the vicinity of \$7,000.

Blair's Ottawa Residence.

Hon. A. G. Blair has purchased the residence of Senator Angers in Ottawa for something in the vicinity of \$11,000.

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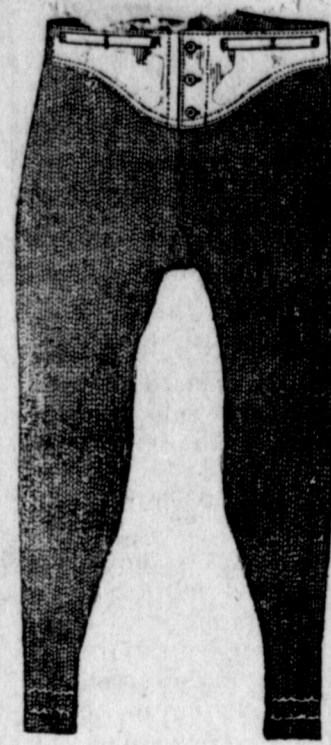
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