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MR. CYRUS A. DIFFIN AT- TENDS TORY POW-WOW

(Woodstock Sentinel)

When I wrote you last week I told you I would write about a peculiar thing that happened here.

The Conservative members met and purely by accident I was at the meeting.

I was enjoying myself at my modest hotel but I met a friend from Hartland who wanted me to stop over night with him at the Barker House, he said it was a nice place and gave three five cent cigars for a quarter, so we went down.

The next room to us was occupied by some gentlemen who got to talking loud and I went in to ask them not to make so much noise.

I wasn't dressed up. I wore a birth day suit and a night shirt, but I walked right in.

You may believe that I was surprised when I found that I had run into a Conservative Caucus.

When I saw what I had struck I was going to back right out, but Mr. Munro stopped me, "Hold on, Mr. Diffin," says he, "come in and see us."

They didn't all look so cordial and I hesitated but Mr. Munro insisted, and I gathered my night shirt a little tighter around me and slid into a corner seat.

They were doing something and some were talking besides. Kid Fleming was trying to look as much like Hazen as he could and making about the same success of it that Jimmy Gallagher's dog makes of looking like a bull pup when he runs out to bark at a team.

Jonas was showing some papers and claiming that McAuley was not an employee of his Dr. Landry was figuring up what there would be in his office if he could appoint some more to clerkships and keep the public from getting on to the profits.

Harry McLeod was busy figuring the total Orange vote in York.

Hon. John Morrissey was talking confidentially about his Liberal bluff and his association with "Various Persons."

Then Fleming called them to order.

"Gentlemen," says he, "The time has come to do business, and all those not members of the party will please retire."

I rose to go.

"What are you leaving for?" says Morrissey.

"Am I a member of the party," says I.

"Don't ask question that no one can answer," says he. "Sit down, there'll be lunch bye and bye."

I resumed my seat.

"The business before this meeting," says Fleming in his regular C. P. R. tone, which he uses when he wants to impress you with the idea that he is the whole show and is doubtful whether it will go or not, "Is to talk over matters pertaining to the election which I intend calling on. The subject can best be stated in a sentence:

"How can we win."

"Let all Conservatives out of jail, election day," says Munro.

"Put Peppers on the Carleton County ticket," says McLeod.

"Let Fleming run in York," says Pinder.

W. C. H. P. M. Grimmer was there and he formerly represented Charlotte but now he only represents himself with a chronic desire to hold office, so he said nothing.

"This is no con game," announced Fleming.

"Come back to the question, "How can we win?" "Same old way," says Prescott, "buy it."

"But it's getting high," objected Maxwell. "The last election cost me a barrel of money."

"Give a few offices," says Dr. Taylor.

"Can't," says McLeod, "we've got all the good ones ourselves. Better stick to the old way, buy it."

"Let me make a suggestion," says Fleming. "Let each one of us put up ten per cent of the amount made from 'Various Persons' and start a campaign fund with it. That's what the early christians contributed to the support of the church."

"The Conservative party is no church," says Baxter.

"And we are no early christians," said Munro, softly under his breath.

Then Mr. Murray, of Kings made a suggestion which for a moment seemed to place.

"Make the mills that furnish lumber at \$20 a thousand pay five per cent. of their total profits and let the rest of us out."

There was a moment's deliberation and the motion was lost.

I saw a look come over Slipp's face and I knew that an idea had struck him.

When Slipp and an idea happen to

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meet, it's a little tough on the idea, but if it gets the best of him and he surrenders to it, the effect is readily visible to the naked eye.

"Mr. Chairman," says he, in his best Justice of the Peace tone, "I can solve the problem. Let the rear rank members in the Valley railway deal with the C. P. R. and make an even divide. That will give us all we need. Don't let one have it all."

"Can't be done," said Fleming shortly. "But if the question of winning resolves itself into a campaign fund raising scheme, leave it to me."

"Do you intend going to Montreal again in a private car?" asked Mr. Woods, not sarcastically but in pure innocence, for poor Woods often asks questions that, from a bright child, would seem insulting, but which, people knowing him, take in good part and explain the answers to him.

"Gentlemen," says Fleming, "The discussion of the subject, of this meeting, How can we win, will be deferred until we have eaten. "Mr. Diffin," he added "put on some clothes and come and eat with us."

I went out and put on my trousers and shoes and joined them. finished eating they got down to business.

If I can get time I will send you an account of the affair and the result.

Yours truly,

CYRUS A. DIFFIN.

TRIAL OF MYRTLE HAWKINS MURDER CASE

Hendersonville, N. C., May 2—Preparations are being made for the trial of the defendants in the Myrtle Hawkins murder case at the May term of the Henderson County Superior court, which is about to convene. The trial is expected to solve a mystery that has puzzled the authorities and public of this entire section ever since the body of pretty seventeen-year-old Myrtle Hawkins was found floating in Lake Osceola last September.

The principal defendants in the case are Abner McCall, his wife, Beatrice McCall and George Bradley, each of whom is under indictment on a charge of murder. In addition, "Boney" Bradley, a brother of George Bradley is charged with being an accessory before the fact, and Dan McGill, father of Mrs. McCall, is charged with being an accessory after the fact.

The body of Miss Hawkins was in Lake Osceola on September 13 of last year in a badly decomposed condition. The first theory was that the young woman had been slain in the woods overlooking the lake and that the murderer or murderers had afterward thrown the body into the water. The possibility of death having been accidental was not regarded seriously, as Miss Hawkins was an expert swimmer and could have easily swam or waded out of the shallow water where the body was found.

There were no bruises on the body apparently, but there was evidence that death might have resulted from chloroform. This latter fact set the authorities to working on a new theory. As a result of the official investigation a physician was found in Asheville who identified a photograph of Miss Hawkins as being that of a girl who had called at his office last June in regard to having an operation performed. Later the same physician partially identified "Boney" Bradley, one of the defendants in the case, as a man who had called on him in reference to the same manner. Other evidence apparently in support of the physician's statements was brought to light and the result was that the McCalls and Bradleys were indicted on a charge of having guilty knowledge of a criminal operation which resulted in the death of Miss Hawkins. The generally accepted theory is that the young woman died under the influence of chloroform and that her body was thrown into the lake to conceal the crime.

Miss Hawkins' death came almost on the eve of her wedding day. She was engaged to Hal Cooper, a young business man of Johnson City, Tenn. It is said that there was some objection to the match on the part of the parents of the girl. The parents had a suspicion when the girl first disappeared, which was a week before the body was found, that she

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TO BE TRIED FOR OLD MURDER

Poteau, Okla., May 2—When the Le Flore County district court convenes here next Monday three men will be placed on trial for a murder they are alleged to have committed five years ago.

The defendants are Millard Vaught of Mena, Ark.; Will Stiles of Caulksville, Ark., and W. L. Bates a merchant of Heavener, Okla. They are accused of killing Bud Terry at Heavener, about twenty miles south of here, in August, 1907. Terry was employed at Bates' sawmill, near Heavener. In the summer of 1907 he mysteriously disappeared. Some months later the skeleton of a man was found. Terry was a member of a fraternal organization, through whose efforts the body was identified and Bates, Stiles and Vaught arrested and indicted for the alleged murder. The killing is said to have been the result of a quarrel between Terry and the three men.

Practical prohibition of child labor of any kind in the District of Columbia is contemplated in a bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Cox of Ohio.

PRIEST'S SILVER JUBILEE

St. Louis, Mo., May 1—A large gathering of Roman Catholic priests, prelates and laymen took part in the celebration today of the silver jubilee of Rev. J. J. O'Brien, pastor of St. Margaret's Church of this city. The program opened this morning with solemn high mass at the church in the presence of a large audience. Bishop Tihen of Lincoln, Neb., a life-long friend of Father O'Brien, preached the jubilee sermon.

TEXAS TOOTH PULLERS MEET

Ablene, Texas, May 2—With a large attendance of prominent members of the profession the Texas State Dental Association met in this city for its annual convention. The sessions will continue through the remainder of the week.

Taylor Holmes, the young comedian of "The Million," is to star under the management of Henry W. Savage Fiske O'Hara, who has been starring in "Love's Young Dream," will have a high grade romantic Irish play next season.

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