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GANANOQUE MEETING FOR W. H. COMSTOCK

Big Liberal Gathering in Theatre—Hon. Duncan Marshall Made a Great Hit.

Gananoque, Oct. 22.—The Liberal meeting held in Delaney's Theatre on Tuesday evening in the interests of W. H. Comstock, the candidate in this riding was one of the most enthusiastic ever held here. The theatre was filled to capacity, many having to stand throughout. Besides Mr. Comstock and Hon. Duncan Marshall, speaker of the evening, there were on the platform Dr. J. P. Sinclair, and W. J. Gibson. The mayor acted as chairman. Mr. Comstock made a very favorable impression on the audience, and as for Mr. Marshall it would be a difficult matter to find a more able and convincing orator, and it was the opinion of many of the oldest Liberals present that he was the best speaker they had ever heard in Gananoque.

Dr. Sinclair, who introduced the speaker is one of his clever and to-the-point speeches, promised the audience something out of the ordinary in the Hon. Mr. Marshall's effort and he certainly made good. Several of Mr. Comstock's friends were present from Brockville and enlivened the proceedings with songs, etc. There was a large attendance from the surrounding country.

On Monday evening, several of Mrs. A. Welsh's friends surprised her at the Inn, the occasion being her natal day. They had with them all sorts of good things to make a merry birthday, including a huge birthday cake duly decorated with candles, and all the rest of the things that should go on birthday cakes. The evening was a most delightful one, and the guests included the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Detweiler, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rees, Mrs. Byron Heaslip, Mrs. Robena Armstrong, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Taylor, Mrs. Ethel Morrison (Montreal), Major Barrett (Kingston), W. Dennison, Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. V. Bulloch, and Mrs. Joseph Dempster.

Mrs. Fred Campbell, New York City, is in town, having been called here owing to the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. William Dempster. Mrs. James, Bacon, N.Y., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Adam Brown.

HEARTS ADRIFT

By Mildred Barbour.

THE BREAKING OF AN ENGAGEMENT

When Lila heard Madge's name—the name that was never mentioned in the Demerest household—spoken by the father of her fiancé, she stopped in the hallway, one hand against her suddenly leaping heart while her face slowly whitened.

She knew without being told anything further that the moment she had feared had arrived. Somehow Willoughby Creighton's father must have found out about Madge and the old scandal. He had undoubtedly come to denounce his son's fiancé.

With fingers that trembled but with a proud calmness that amazed even herself, Lila removed her hat in front of the hall mirror and slipped out of her fur wrap. She scarcely recognized the reflection of her face, it was so white and set. Every trace of girliness seemed suddenly obliterated.

When she entered the drawing room, she found her grandmother seated in her favorite chair by the fire. Her frail figure was erect, her old eyes measured the man who stood before her with a poise and calmness which seemed unbelievable to Lila. If Mrs. Demerest had weathered the scandal of Madge's elopement and Paul Bannister's suicide, she would not break now before this new up-cropping of an old tragedy.

Lila knew that and in spite of her own anguish, she felt pride in her grandmother's courage—and pity that she should be subjected to this latest catastrophe.

Lila spoke quietly.
"How do you do, Mr. Creighton?"
At the sound of her voice, he swung around.

If she had thought him stern when she met him the day before, her belief was endorsed a thousand-fold. His eyes were like flint. The powerful jaw was set and his leonine head was thrust forward by the vigor of his attack.

Before he had a chance to reply to her greeting, Mrs. Demerest said:
"Will you please go to your room, Lila. Mr. Creighton wishes to talk to me alone."

"No, grandmother." Lila shook her head slightly. "I think I can guess what Mr. Creighton wishes to say to you. It is my place to listen, not yours."

Creighton made an impatient gesture.

"I prefer that you obey your grandmother, Miss Demerest. In my country, such matters as I have to discuss with your grandmother are left to the wise heads of our elders."

"But the matter to which you refer lies between you and me, Mr. Creighton," Lila insisted quietly. "Grandmother has suffered a great deal. I beg that you will not subject her to anything more painful. I am not a child and I have a right to hear the reason for your visit and why and how you came to speak my sister's name just now."

"Ah, then she is your sister—this Madge Bannister? Mrs. Demerest refused to admit it. She would say nothing to confirm or deny the story which has come unwittingly to my ears."

Lila inclined her head gravely. There

was a dignity about her which sat oddly on her youthfulness.

"Yes, she is my sister. Her name has not been mentioned here for many years. It is very painful to my grandmother to hear you speak it now. That is why I wish you would permit her to withdraw and allow me to take her place in telling you what you want to know."

"I prefer to remain," Mrs. Demerest spoke up crisply, "but I shall say nothing. Lila may tell you what she chooses."

"Then we had better all be seated. It is a long story and may take time," Lila said drawing a chair to the fire and indicating to Creighton that he was to sit on the sofa opposite her.

He obeyed a little amazedly. His thought was that this child of a child had changed since yesterday. There was none of the awe and shyness which he had noted the day before, but a new dignity, a consciousness of womanhood. Unwillingly a little admiration and respect crept into his eyes.

"Now, Mr. Creighton, will you tell me just what you have heard?" Lila asked calmly.

"It pains me very much to be forced to discuss this," he answered with less vehemence than he had shown before.

"But today there was brought to me the story that you, my son's fiancée, are the sister of a notorious woman who was the center of a scandal and a tragedy in this very town a few years ago. That scandal, as you know, Miss Demerest, received almost world wide publicity. Even I, in Rio de Janeiro, can recall some details of it. It is only human and natural that I should come to you and ask for the truth. You can hardly expect me to wish my son to marry into a family that has been connected with so sordid an episode. Forgive me if I speak harshly, but you are undoubtedly aware that he is my only son, the eldest child. It will be his honor to carry on a family name of which we are justly proud. It is not my wish to have my grandchildren smirched by the touch of an old scandal, no matter how innocent of wrong doing his wife may be."

Lila rose.
"I understand quite well, Mr. Creighton and since you know the story of my unfortunate sister, it is unnecessary to go into the details. That would be painful both to grandmother and me and embarrassing to you. Will you tell your son for me, please, that our engagement is at an end?"
(To be continued)

THE STEAMER JESKA HAS BEEN RELEASED

To Undergo Repairs and Then Resume the Carrying of Apple Cargoes.

The steamer Jeska of Kingston, which was ashore at Indian Point, was released on Wednesday by the Pyke Salvage and Wrecking Company. It was necessary to lighten the boat of considerable of its cargo, before releasing it. The Jeska will go into dry dock for repairs and will then continue transporting apples and canned goods from Bay of Quinte ports to Montreal.

The cargo was unloaded at the Locomotive Works Wednesday night and it will remain there, till the Jeska is repaired, when it will be reloaded and shipped to Montreal.

A LIBERAL MEETING HELD IN LANSLOWNE

By W. H. Comstock on Wednesday Evening—Chalmers Anniversary Services.

Lansdowne, Oct. 21.—Mr. W. H. Comstock, Liberal candidate for Leeds, held a meeting in Lansdowne tonight and there was a large attendance.

Anniversary services are to be held in Chalmers United church on Sunday, morning and evening, with Rev. D. T. Lancaster as preacher.

The annual thankoffering meeting of the W.M.S. of Chalmers church was held on Tuesday evening. An interesting programme was given. The attendance and offering, were very satisfactory.

Mrs. Edward Comstock, Watertown, N.Y., who has been visiting Mrs. Jane Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradley, returned home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Austin who spent the summer on Wills' Island, returned to their home in Sand Bay on Thursday.

Max Sheppard has received his certificate from the school fair for the highest number of prizes in the junior room; Blaine Moore secured the certificate for the senior room.

Mrs. M. Tackaberry has returned from spending the summer in Battersea.

Mrs. Stoops is seriously ill at the home of her brother, John McNeill.

Mrs. Betty Wood, who has been with her sister, Mrs. Cliffe, Gananoque, was taken to the Brockville General Hospital on Friday.

A large number from here attended the International ploughing match held in Brockville last week.

Ross and Gordon Smith attended the banquet held at the River House on Friday evening, when five hundred were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McConnell, of Lyndhurst, and Mrs. Emily Mulvena, of Charleston, were guests of Miss Green and Mrs. R. Johnston on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tedford, of Newboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tedford, of Soperton, were visitors on Sunday at W. H. Tedford's.

Service in St. John's church on Sunday next at 7.30 p.m.

Caught a Runaway Horse.

Moscow, Oct. 21.—Mr. E. L. Van Luven, of Moscow, while in the city, last Thursday, rushed from the Ford garage across the street and caught a runaway horse attached to a buggy, that was swiftly making its way up Princess street where it would likely have come in contact with some of the many automobiles on the street at the time.

Entertained at Dinner.

Mr. Earl F. Van Luven, of Colton, California, who has been visiting his two brothers (Van Luven Bros.) and other relatives and friends, for the past month, entertained his brothers and their sons to dinner at the Belmont last Friday, previous to his leaving Napanee on Sunday for his home via Florida.

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