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PARKER RENEWS CHARGE

Late Candidate Says Corporation Money Elected Roosevelt.

Democratic Standard Bearer in Last Campaign Regards it as Confirming His Campaign Statement.

Espus, N. Y., Sept. 17.—Former Chief Judge Alton B. Parker, last year the Democratic candidate for President of the United States, today referred to the charges made by him in the Presidential campaign last fall, that corporation funds were being used in aid of the Republican campaign.

To a correspondent who called at Rosemount, Judge Parker's home, and asked him if he had anything to say in relation to the statement made by Vice-President George W. Perkins, of the New York Life Insurance Company, before the Legislative committee investigating the insurance business, to the effect that President John A. McCall, of that company, had caused a contribution of about \$50,000 to be made last year to the Republican national campaign fund Judge Parker said:

"Yes, I believe I ought to state, now that there is no political excitement to distract the public attention, that the president of the New York Life was not the only such contributor. The officers of other great life insurance companies, such as the Equitable and the Mutual, also contributed from the policy holders' funds for campaign purposes last year.

"What has been proved in the case of the New York Life will undoubtedly be proved in the other cases. The facts exist, and honest and able counsel backed by an honest committee will undoubtedly bring them out for the public good.

"Were there an investigation of railroad, manufacturing and other corporations, it would be found that these life insurance officers were not the only corporation officers who put their hands into the treasury and took out moneys belonging to widows and orphans to help secure a partisan triumph.

"ACTS UNLAWFUL, PURPOSES CORRUPT."

"That their acts were unlawful and their purposes corrupt goes without saying. They intended to have the money used, as it was, in corrupting the electorate. Mr. Perkins makes the point that Mr. John A. McCall, the president of the New York Life, is a Democrat. Apparently he would have the public assume that when Mr. McCall unlawfully and wrongfully contributed these funds—the company's share probably as a member of the underwriting syndicate—it was evidence of political virtue, rather than misconduct.

"The truth about it is, and I say it without feeling, but emphatically, that men like McCall have no political convictions that stand in the way of their personal advantage. Such men desire the triumph of that party which will better serve their personal financial interests and will—for contributions, past, present and future—continue to protect those interests by lenient legislation and by pretense of execution of law which shall betwixt them blind to all their offenses. That party they espouse in the boardroom, and contribute to it of the moneys they hold in trust, and, occasionally, a little of their own. The underlying principles which divide the great mass of the people into parties have no effect upon such men. Their one inquiry is, 'will the party organization in its hour of triumph remember our generosity, and respond to our demands?' Of course the organization does remember, for it expects a similar contribution next time. And the expectation is not in vain. Last year was not the first time. Such contributions had been made before in national, State and municipal elections.

"The officers responsible for these raids upon the treasuries of corporations have received their reward in unfettered management of life insurance corporations; in unembarrassed raids upon the public through trusts—condemned by both common and statute laws; in refusal to punish criminally the officers of railroad and other corporations violating the laws, and in statutory permission to manufacturing corporations to levy tribute on the people.

"There can be no hope of checking the unlawful aggressions of officers of great corporations so long as they may thus form a quasi-partnership with the organization of the dominant political party. For in the hour when the administrative official seeks to punish the offender he is reminded by the head of the organization of the magnitude of the contributions of the corporation.

"There is, however, something worse, if possible, than the escape of such offenders from justice. It is the gradual demoralization of voters and the dulling of the public conscience caused by the efforts to make these vast sums of money procure the ballots they were intended to procure, corruptly and otherwise.

DEMOCRACY NOT WITHOUT GUILT.

"It is not my purpose to claim that the Democratic party, subjected to the temptation which has overcome the other party during the last few years, would have acted differently. Mere party advantage should not be sought from the disclosures made in this investigation. But the facts should be diligently sought, that the people may become so aroused that they will insist upon legislation making it a criminal offense for officers to contribute corporate funds for political purposes and depriving the apparently successful candidates of their offices.

"Efforts in that direction have been making in different States since November last, and particularly in this State. But the Republican organization would not consent to it, so the Legislature defeated the bills. And the organization never will consent until an aroused public sentiment shall threaten legislators with political oblivion who fail to enact effective laws upon the subject."—Baltimore Sun.

Gold and Silver in North Carolina.

North Carolina produced almost twice as much gold in 1904 as in 1903 and there was also a decided increase in the output of silver, though this industry is very limited. These facts are obtained from the annual estimate of Mr. Roberts, director of the mint. In 1904 the value of the gold production in North Carolina was \$123,000, as compared with \$70,000 in 1903. The output was 5,994 fine ounces, as compared with 3,411. In 1904 the State produced 14,800 fine ounces of silver, valued at \$8,584.—Statesville Landmark.

At Hickory Friday afternoon, Cleveland Holler, an employe of the Brookford Manufacturing Company, attempted to punch an apple from a tree with the breach of his double-barrel shotgun, very naturally turning the barrel of his gun directly toward his breast. The discharge tore his heart out. He was 22 years old and leaves a wife and two children.

Like finding Money.

Finding health is like finding money—So think those who are sick. When you have a cough, cold, sore throat, or chest irritation, better act promptly like W. C. Barber, of Sandy Level, Va. He says: "I had a terrible chest trouble, caused by smoke and coal dust on my lungs; but, after finding no relief in other remedies, I was cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds." Greatest sale of any cough or lung medicine in the world. At Hood Bros. Drug store; 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

STATE NEWS.

The number of students at the Agricultural and Mechanical college at Raleigh has reached 400.

Two members of the Sophomore class at the A. & M. College at Raleigh have been expelled for hazing.

The registration at the University of North Carolina has reached 605. The men taking medicine in the medical department situated at Raleigh number 20.

Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the North Carolina Supreme Court, has returned to the widow of a gallant captain in a New Jersey regiment the commission of her husband, which he found under Marie's Heights after the bloody battle of Fredericksburg.

Those fellows who were jailed in Raleigh charged with causing the death of Mr. Nall at the insane asylum at Raleigh a few weeks ago have been released from jail on a habeas corpus proceeding. The half dozen or more prominent physicians testified before the Board of Directors that Nall died from acute heart dilation caused by violent muscular effort and that the clot of blood found on the brain was not of a character to cause his death.

BENSON NEWS.

Mr. Hunter Poole has accepted a position with Rose Stencil.

Miss Mary Hatcher spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents near Selma.

Mr. J. C. Stencil left Wednesday morning for Raleigh where he will spend some time.

A large number of our people attended the Primitive Baptist Association in the Gleewood section last Sunday.

Misses Vira and Leola Smith, of the Peacock's Cross Road section spent Tuesday and Wednesday in town with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Johnson after spending several days in New York and other Northern cities returned last Sunday evening.

The increase in patronage of the Benson Graded School is most encouraging as over two hundred students have been enrolled, and new students are coming in nearly every day. The rapid progress the school is making is easily accounted for when we consider the wide popularity of Prof. Allen and his most efficient assistants.

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PINE LEVEL NOTES.

Wm. I. Parnell, Esq., is attending Pine Level High School.

Mr. W. P. Sellers has moved into his new residence on Church street.

Miss Nora Phillips, of Pikeville, is attending Pine Level High School.

Mr. P. C. Worley has been in Kingstree, S. C., a few days on business.

Miss Maud Strickland, of the country, has been visiting Miss Pattie Braxton.

Miss Bessie Davis spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends in the country.

We are glad to see Mr. R. P. Oliver, who has been sick for some time, out again.

Miss Flora Poole spent last week in the country with the family of Mr. G. B. Worley.

We are glad to note that Master Dewy Taylor, who has been confined to his room for some time with typhoid fever, is out again.

We have learned that Mr. R. H. Brown will soon move his family to Mississippi. We are sorry to lose them from our town but wish them much success in their new home. Sept. 19. NICK.

THE VERY DRY WEATHER.

Caused Cotton to Open Prematurely.

Crop Will Nowhere be More Than Fair. Tobacco Curing Completed. Corn Improved. Bad Crop in East. Good in West

The Weekly Crop Bulletin for the week ending Monday, September 18th, says:

"The weather for the past week was characterized by warm days and cool nights, but the mean temperature for the week was about normal. The only rain of consequence fell on the thirteenth and seventeenth and was very beneficial to all crops. The weather in general has been very favorable for picking cotton, saving fodder, meadow and peavine hay. Farmers in all parts of the State have been ready to plow land for all sowing but the ground has been too dry in most places; in a few localities, however, some wheat, rye, and oats have been sown.

"There has been no improvement in the cotton crop during the past week. The warm, dry weather caused it to open rapidly, and in some places prematurely. The crop will nowhere be more than fair, and in places it will be very light. It is generally reported that there will be no top crop, owing to shedding; many correspondents state that the bolls are small and the lint short; in the south-central counties and in the extreme northeastern portion the bolls are opening prematurely, owing to rust; army worms are doing considerable damage to late cotton in Beaufort, Craven, Jones and Duplin counties.

Tobacco curing is completed in the eastern portion of the State. Cutting and curing is in progress in the central district, where the crop is reported improved and in good condition, except in Rockingham county, where some of it is badly burned and speckled; it is curing well, color and texture good but the leaf is light. In the western portion slight damage by worms is reported.

"Corn improved during the past week, but late corn in some places suffered from drought, and some correspondents report that it will not mature; a poor crop is expected in the eastern, while the prospects are for good crops in the western and central portions. Fodder is about all secured in the eastern and central districts; cutting is in progress in the western. The saving of pea vine hay is under way and good yields are being secured. Clover was benefited by the rains and is looking well. White potatoes have improved and digging is in progress in the western counties; sweet potatoes are doing well and a good crop is promised. Peanuts, turnips, and beans are generally reported good; cabbage poor. The sorghum crop is in good condition and in places molasses making is under way. The buckwheat crop will be good. Apples are reported good in some of the western counties, but there is complaint of dropping and dry rot. Pastures are fair.

"The following rain have been reported: Raleigh, 0.10; Goldsboro, 1.12; Greensboro, 0.22; Lumberton, 0.56; New Bern, 3.88; Weldon, 1.18."

Got Off Cheap.

He may well think, he has got off cheap, who, after having contracted constipation or indigestion, is still able to perfectly restore his health. Nothing will do this but Dr. King's New Life Pills. A quick, pleasant, and certain cure for headache, constipation, etc. 25c at Hood Bros. drug store; guaranteed.

A charter is granted to the Daiton Furniture Company, at High Point, to manufacture furniture of all descriptions, the capital being \$60,000.

ARCHER LODGE NEWS.

Miss Emma Castleberry, of Raleigh, is home this week.

Miss Jimmie Batton, of Selma, is visiting her brother, Mr. A. L. Batton.

Mr. Wade Anderson, of Wilson, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Henry Anderson.

Miss Monta Medlin, of Washington, N. C., is the guest of Mrs. Charles Stott.

Miss Lula Liles, of Wake county, has been selected as teacher for the Batton School this winter.

Prof. Sam Liles, of Virginia, attended the marriage of his brother Mr. E. Liles here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Woodard, of Micro, visited Mrs. Woodard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wall, last week.

Miss Hattie Wall entertained Saturday evening complimentary to her guest, Miss Jimmie Batton, of Selma.

We are pleased to note that Mr. John I. Barnes who has been sick at his rooms at Clayton is at home and is much improved.

Mr. Geo. R. Stencil is building a new residence on his farm which will add greatly to the convenience and appearance of the place.

Mr. John W. Sealey has his new dam in at Sealey's Mill and will begin running his mill again this week. With the many improvements he has added he is thoroughly prepared to serve his many customers.

The work on the new house of worship at Salem Primitive Baptist church is progressing rapidly. They hope to soon be able to hold services in it. Elder J. A. Y. Jones, who has been pastor of the church for 30 years says that it is one of the largest churches in this part of the State.

We would like to say to the many friends of THE HERALD in this section that any news reported to its Correspondent will be appreciated and sent in for publication but must be sent in not later than Tuesday noon of each week. Will appreciate any news of importance, but bear in mind all news sent by correspondents must be approved by the editor before it can be printed.

Sept. 19. S. L. W.

Benefit Concert at Clayton.

There will be a Benefit Concert in the School-Hall at Clayton, on Tuesday evening September the twenty-sixth under the auspices of the W. H. M. S. of the Methodist church. The special feature of the evening will be old-time "fiddling." Mr. C. E. McCullers, of Raleigh, will be on the role as first violinist. All lovers of music, especially, the "old style" are cordially invited to be present.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Mr. Millard Nowell, of Selma, spent Sunday here.

Mrs. Ashley Horne returned Tuesday from a visit to Raleigh. Miss Maie Gully, who has been visiting at Coats, returned to her home Tuesday.

Miss Rosalie Patterson, of Greensboro, has accepted a position with R. B. Whitley & Co.

Mrs. Etta V. Johnson will have her millinery opening next Monday and Tuesday, September 25 and 26.

Mrs. S. R. Gully and little son Ralph, of Durham, are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gully.

Miss Mabel Denton, of Raleigh, arrived last week to take charge of the millinery store of Messrs. Hilliard & Richardson.

Rev. W. H. Rich, of Salisbury, will aid Pastor Blanchard in a series of meetings beginning the first Sunday in October.

Mr. W. H. Poole and Miss Ella Hinton will be married next Thursday night September 28, at the Baptist church immediately after prayer meeting. Sept. 20. Yelir.

LITTLE CHANGE IN COTTON.

What There Has Been is for the Most Part to the Bad.

Washington, Sept. 19.—The weekly summary of crop conditions issued by the Weather Bureau today says:

While a slight improvement in the condition of cotton is reported from Oklahoma and Indian Territory and portions of Louisiana and northern Texas, the crop as a whole over most of the belt has experienced little or no change, with a tendency toward deterioration. Premature opening is extensively reported in the eastern and western districts, but only few complaints of this character are received from the central portion. Boll weevils are increasing in Texas and are causing injury in western Louisiana. A poor top crop is promised. Picking is advancing rapidly, and is nearing completion in most of the counties in southern Georgia. Except in Kentucky, where about one-third of the crop remains to be secured, tobacco is nearly all cut and housed. Moist atmosphere has not been favorable for curing in Kentucky and New England, but in Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee the crop is curing nicely.

KENLY NOTES.

Mr. Eugene Mason, our chief of Police, spent Friday with relatives in Black Creek.

Mr. Hillary Richardson of Sutton, spent Friday and Saturday here with his daughter, Mrs. W. T. Bailey.

Mr. Jno. Perkins, of Goldsboro, spent Saturday and Sunday here with his sister, Mrs. W. H. Edgerton.

Mrs. H. F. Edgerton left Saturday to spend a few days visiting friends and relatives in Smithfield and Calypso.

Mr. W. H. Edgerton, Saturday, moved into his new dwelling on West Main street, which was recently vacated by Mr. Jno. Adams.

Mrs. Sanders, and Mrs. Oats, of Calypso, and Mrs. W. S. Stevens, of Smithfield, spent several days here the past week, as the guests of Mrs. H. F. Edgerton.

Rev. J. W. Alford, who was recently elected pastor of the Free Will Baptist church here, filled his first regular monthly appointment Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. D. T. Perkins, R. F. D. carrier No. 1, from this office, had the misfortune of losing his horse Tuesday night after a severe attack of colic of nine hours duration.

Mr. Kenly Stencil, of High Point, who died of Typhoid fever, Monday night, was brought here Tuesday evening and interred in the Kenly cemetery Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. W. Alford.

Kenly Academy opened this morning (Wednesday) under very favorable conditions. All the teachers were present except the music teacher, Miss Lillian Ayers who will arrive in a day or two. Sixty students were enrolled, and others will come in tomorrow.

Sept. 20.

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Are You Engaged?

Engaged people should remember, that, after marriage, many quarrels can be avoided, by keeping their digestions in good condition with Electric Bitters. S. A. Brown, of Bennettsville, S. C., says: "For years, my wife suffered intensely from dyspepsia, complicated with a torpid liver, until she lost her strength and vigor, and became a mere wreck of her former self. Then she tried Electric Bitters, which helped her at once, and finally made her entirely well. She is now strong and healthy." Hood Bros. druggists, sell and guarantee them, at 50c a bottle.