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PARKER A GREAT ORGANIZER.

OPINION OF SENATOR SIMMONS.

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BY W. A. HILDEBRAND.

Special to The Observer.

New York, Sept. 29.—Senator Simmons, and Hon. J. S. Henderson, of Salisbury, were among the unusually large number of persons who called at the Hotel Seville to-day to converse with Judge Parker. The Democratic candidate consulted Senator Gorman, whose stay in the Parker apartments was prolonged for an hour or more, and later the Senator from North Carolina, with reference to the purely practical side of the campaign. Both these gentlemen have established reputations as organizers. Judge Parker went chiefly over a plan of campaign with the Senators and suggestions were made which will be put into practice later. After leaving the hotel, where he not only talked with Judge Parker, but with Chairman Taggart and Delancy Nicoll, Mr. Simmons spoke in accents which indicated that he had discovered that hope is steadily rising in the Democratic breasts. He said Judge Parker was feeling good and spoke hopefully of the outlook. The Judge also spoke delightfully of Southern people. "This is my first meeting with Judge Parker but I think I can tell something about a man's capacity for organization after talking to him awhile, and I want to assure you that the Democratic candidate is a great organizer. That man is inspired by the same spirit that moved Tilden to accomplish great things in political work." Senator Simmons will remain over until to-morrow to see Mr. Sheehan, but Mr. Henderson left to-night for the State.

TAGGART TELLS CAMPAIGN PLANS.

Chairman Taggart has once more taken occasion to deny the oft-published report that he expects to open headquarters in the West, and leave affairs here in the hands of Messrs. Belmont, Sheehan and Gorman. Mr. Taggart said he had grown weary of denying this report, and he always has several papers yesterday, and intimated that he would let the papers say whatever they pleased on the subject hereafter. In saying this Mr. Taggart took occasion to discuss conditions generally in Indiana, where he has been that the Democracy would be successful in the Hoosier State. When pressed for a statement as to the size majority that Democrats hoped to get, as to what plurality they would expect to open in the State, he said he never does give the chairman merely replied that Democrats were "not avaricious," but would be satisfied with an expected comfortable plurality. One thing is self-evident, Mr. Taggart is cautious in making claims, and if he ever does get to the point of giving figures, they will be figures that do not lie, if he can help it. Mr. Taggart mentioned a whole brace of spell-binders who are to be sent to Indiana, he says Mr. Bryan will perhaps make 30 speeches in the State, and he, giving a long list of speakers, mentioned the name of Governor Aycock as having been selected to go there when the original list was made up. He said he always has the intention to send North Carolina's Chief Executive to some of the large towns of the State. Mr. Taggart also said in this connection that there was a persistent demand from numerous States for the Cleveland campaign, and still uncertain what part the ex-President would take in the campaign. Mr. Taggart appeared to feel confident, however, that Mr. Cleveland would fill a few engagements.

DISCUSSING CAPT. GLENN'S SPEECH.

The speech which Capt. R. B. Glenn made at Asheville, and the denial which President Roosevelt made of some things said by the Democratic candidate, was discussed at both Republican and Democratic headquarters. "Oh that mine enemy would write a book," observed one of Chairman Corley's aides, while meditating upon the uses to which the numerous books which President Roosevelt is the author, are being put by the Democratic national committee. Mr. Roosevelt has written so many books that it is possible to prove almost anything against him, as shown in the numerous pamphlets "Shattering American Ideals," which has just been produced by the committee. At Democratic headquarters the gentlemen attached to the literary bureau were inclined to the opinion that Capt. Glenn could find justification for almost if not quite everything, he said. It was stated that in his "Life of Ben. E. H. H.," Mr. Roosevelt made the plain statement that "through the Southern character there ran a streak of coarse and brutal barbarism." This was one of the reasons given by Capt. Glenn why no Southern man could vote for the President. It was also asserted that Democratic headquarters that Capt. Glenn could substantiate the most serious of the charges which the President denied. This charge was to the effect that no Confederate soldier could vote for the President because he had referred to the Confederate soldiers as "anarchists." It was said that the President had referred to the Confederate soldiers, in terms more or less direct, as anarchists on the occasion of the celebration of Decoration Day at Arlington Cemetery. At the time The Washington Post said: "It is disgraceful enough for the Southern people to be officially designated as 'rebels,' and now to add 'anarchists' is an expression which we find it impossible to believe the President really intended."

TENNESSEE'S GOVERNOR OPTIMISTIC.

Governor Benton McMillan, of Tennessee, re-visited Democratic headquarters yesterday and when interviewed by the reporter said: "I had a long talk with Judge Parker yesterday morning and again this morning. I spent several hours with various members of the national committee and this morning I was in conference with Senator Hill. While I cannot say in detail what I learned in my talks with these gentlemen, I can say without hesitation that I believe that a Democratic wave has begun to swell and that it will increase in force daily and that our friends, the enemy, will be completely overwhelmed when the votes are counted on November 8th. Judge Taggart's acceptance, for which the public was anxiously waiting, seems to have met with unqualified approval on every hand. It was a masterly discussion of the issues, and I believe will do great good. I can only add that I go back to Tennessee very much encouraged at the prospects for the success of the Democratic ticket."

A NEW BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED

THE CONNECTICUT IN THE WATER.

Miss Alice B. Welles, sponsor, threw a bottle of wine at the bows of the vessel, but it did not break, and only by the intervention of a workman was the glass shattered. The launching took place at New York and was witnessed by almost 30,000 people.

STAMP FOR IMPORTED CIGARS.

It will be smaller than at present and placed on the bottom of the box—Stamp now used as an advertisement.

Washington, Sept. 29.—The Secretary of the Treasury has issued a statement in the imported cigar stamp matter in which he permits the order made by Assistant Secretary Armstrong to stand so far as it relates to reducing the size of the stamp and to placing it on the bottom of the box. He reverses the order wherein it required the stamp to be of the same color as the internal revenue stamp and it will be placed on the bottom of the box and at the top end where it appears opposite the internal revenue stamp. Secretary Shaw had been kept advised of the progress of proceedings with reference to the custom stamp in the case had been from time to time forwarded to him. After the hearing before the Acting Secretary on Saturday last, Mr. Taylor made a concise summary of the arguments presented for the consideration of the Secretary on his return together with recommendations. As soon as the Secretary returned to-day, he took the matter up with Assistant Secretary Taylor and after an interview with the President, decided the case. In his statement accompanying the decision the Secretary says: "The testimony establishes the fact that the present stamp is used as a trade-mark by the cigar importers; that this trade-mark is valuable to them and confers an advantage upon them, as against the manufacturers of cigars in the United States; that the only commodity imported into the United States that receives the benefit of such a trade-mark. In view of the fact that this government stamp in its present form unduly gives a pecuniary advantage to those using it, it seems that the order already issued by the Department, is in its essence proper. The government's business is to collect the revenue, and to provide so far as possible against fraud, but it is not the government's business to furnish a guarantee in the form of a trade-mark for the benefit of the goods. This should be left to the tobacco business exactly as it is in all other business. The domestic manufacturer from a custom stamp available as an advertisement, and it protects the importer also by giving him a stamp of a distinctive character, which he can use by the purchase, if he cares to make examination."

OFFICIALS EXPRESS REGRET.

Governor Bates, of Massachusetts, Writes to the State Department Regarding the Filing of a Member of the British Embassy.

Boston, Sept. 29.—Expressions of regret by Governor John L. Bates and Special Justice H. C. Phelps, of the Municipal court at Lee, Mass., that had resulted in the imposition of a fine by Judge Phelps upon Hugh Guerny, third secretary of the British embassy, have been forwarded to the State Department at Washington. Secretary Guerny on Monday last was adjudged guilty of exceeding the laws governing the speed of automobiles and of contempt of court in refusing to plead to the charge against him and was fined \$50. He protested and the matter was called to the attention of the State Department by the British ambassador, who was called to the breach of the laws of Massachusetts under the belief that the Ambassador will take such action as the case may demand. Washington, Sept. 29.—Governor Bates' report was received at the State Department to-day and was immediately given a careful perusal by the officials. It was found scarcely to meet the needs of the Department because it does not set out the details of the Lee affair which are required to make out a legal presentation of the case. Therefore the Department has decided to await the report which is expected to be forthcoming from the Department of Justice on this subject. When the Governor's letter is thus supplemented, the State Department will present a communication to the British ambassador. This will be in the nature of a reply to the complaint made by Mr. Raikes the British secretary of embassy, and while expressing regret at the occurrence, will present a statement of facts and the testimony adduced to show that Secretary Guerny did violate the local law.

BOY KILLS HIS FATHER.

The letter was abusing his wife and refused to desist when the son interfered.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 29.—A special to the Arkansas Gazette from Austin, Ark., says: John King, a farmer living near here is lying at the point of death from a gunshot wound at the hands of his son, Walter, who is 17 years old. It is claimed that King was abusing his wife when Walter took his mother's part and told his father repeatedly to cease the abuse. The angered father is said not to have heeded the warning given by his son, and the latter seized a shotgun and fired, the lead entering King's neck. Young King has been arrested.

No Serious Attempt to Hold Mukden.

London, Sept. 30.—Telegraphing from New Chung September 29, The Daily Mail's correspondent says: "The main force of the Russian army has retired to the north of Mukden. Strong bodies of troops have been thrown out to defend both banks and the Southern approaches to the city have been carefully mined. The indications are that no serious attempt will be made to hold Mukden."

Former Mayor Van Wyck, of New York, who returned from Europe yesterday, said that he would not be surprised to see Richard Croker in New York within a year, as he saw him in June and he spoke of coming during the next 12 months.

Another North Carolina Victim of the Wreck.

Knoxville, Sept. 29.—A. E. Black of Alexander, N. C., died at the Knoxville General Hospital to-day of injuries received in the Southern Railway wreck near Newmarket, Tenn.

HE STOLE TO LIVE IN LUXURY MAY HOLD OUT 3 MONTHS

DESPERATE DEED OF YOUNG MAN.

Under pretense of wanting to buy a Nagha lion, he assaulted an insurance broker on a Hudson river launch and stole everything he had, and also changed clothes with him. In making the arrest in New York, a Detective Sergeant was severely injured. The prisoner, who calls himself Thomas H. Price and a murderous assault on a detective sergeant in which the latter was severely stabbed twice it developed to-day that A. Z. Leubbers, an insurance broker, was a few days ago assaulted, robbed and left unconscious in a launch on the Hudson river. The assault and robbery of Mr. Leubbers was committed, according to a confession which the prisoner had been made by Price, for the sole purpose of getting money which the latter had to use to continue to live in extravagance and fashion.

COLLEGE OPENING DELAYED.

Greenboro Female College Will Not Be Ready to Open Until Next Week.

Special to The Observer. Greenboro, Sept. 29.—Owing to delay in getting material for the completion of the building, the opening of the Female College, the opening of the fall session has been postponed from October 5th to October 12th. The five days thus lost will be made up during the winter months. The prospects for a large attendance are good.

Epidemics Reported in Japanese Army.

The Pass, Sept. 29.—The Japanese army in the Pass is reported to be decimated by epidemics, due to decaying corpses. The Japanese are said to have dammed the Liao river about of Liao Yang, flooding the country in order to protect their left flank. War of the Pass is being received by the Japanese from America.

Japs Blockading Chefoo.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 29.—A dispatch received here from Chefoo says three Japanese warships are blockading Chefoo. This evidently is under an agreement with China, in order to prevent the possibility of the Japanese torpedo boat destroyer outside of the harbor of Chefoo. After her papers had been examined the Yik Sang was allowed to proceed.

Kuropatkin Points out the Shortcomings of Both Sides.

Mukden, Sept. 29.—General Kuropatkin has issued an order of the day to his officers on the occasion of the fighting on the Liao Yang, pointing out the shortcomings of both armies as exposed by the battle.

PLANS FOR CONVENTION.

North Carolina Library Association Hold Sessions in Charlotte in November.

The North Carolina Library Association, which will hold its first convention here Friday and Saturday, November 11th and 12th, will be an occasion of great interest. Speakers of prominence will be included in the programme. Mrs. Ann L. Smith Rose, librarian of the Carnegie Library of this city, is president of the organization, and she reports that things are getting along well for the meeting. The vice president, Dr. Charles D. McIver, of Greensboro, and Prof. J. A. Bivins, soon to be of Durham, are aiding greatly. The association now has 30 members, many of whom are librarians actually in charge of libraries.

Death of Mrs. M. M. Gray.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Sept. 29.—Mrs. Mary Mills Gray, widow of the late Robert Gray, died at the home of her son, Mr. E. S. Gray, at 10:30 last night. She was the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth M. Wiley, and was born in Guilford county, near Greensboro, October 2, 1818, and would therefore have been 86 years old Sunday next. She was married to Robert Gray, of Randolph county, January 31, 1841, from which union there were born nine children, all of whom survive, excepting Capt. S. Wiley Gray, who was killed during the civil war, at Gettysburg, and Dr. H. F. Gray, who died in Winston in March, 1900. The surviving children are: Mrs. Mattie G. Gibson, James A. Gray, Mrs. Thomas Barber, Eugene E. Gray and Emory S. Gray, of Winston; R. T. Gray, of Raleigh, and Capt. W. T. Gray, of the United States navy.

White Woman Convicted of Carrying Concealed Weapon.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 29.—In the second division of the Criminal Court to-day Mrs. Jennie English, the wife of a minor residing at Littleton, was convicted on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and a fine of \$50 and costs was assessed against her. This is probably the first instance in Alabama that a white woman has been convicted on the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

ONE KILLED AND 11 INJURED

COLLISION ON THE COAST

Local Passenger Train No. 21, on its way into the Rear of Through Train No. 55, which had been stopped by an accidental falling of the trestle near Charlotte, was struck by a passenger train from Danham, which was stopped by the accident. The collision occurred on the Atlantic Coast line five miles from this city, at 7:15 this morning. Local passenger train No. 21 coming up through the trestle, had been stopped unintentionally by the accidental pulling of the bell cord on the main line. A fog prevailed and the crew of train No. 55 had no reason to suppose that train No. 21 was coming up through the trestle. The engine of train No. 21, which was stopped by the collision, was returning to Danham, with his family, and then smashing into the passenger train, and injuring several passengers, including the engineer, who was killed. The train was derailed and the engine and boiler were overturned. The train was derailed and the engine and boiler were overturned. The train was derailed and the engine and boiler were overturned.

Methodist Minister Offers Damaging Testimony Against the State.

Huntsville, Ala., Sept. 29.—Rev. Frank P. Culver, pastor of the First Methodist church and member of the Alabama grand jury that indicted 26 lynchings, was the principal witness for the State to-day in the trial of James Mitchell, charged with lynching a man at the jail. The witness stated that Mitchell was apparently the leader of the mob and when Mr. Culver asked the crowd not to burn the jail Mitchell said to him "Damn the jail, I'm going to burn it and get the sugar." Mitchell's son stated on the stand that he attempted to make a run for it and was assaulted and struck with an iron pipe, Mitchell's son saying to him, "You are a preacher and have no business here."

White Men Under Bond for Arresting Negroes.

Talbotton, Ga., Sept. 29.—E. D. Shipp, Seaborn Hall and Thomas Butler, white men, were arraigned in Talbotton to-day on the charge of assisting in the attempt to murder. The men are accused of being in the party which got in a sack in Talbot county recently, and shot several negroes on sight, following the "Before Day, Club" excitement. Each was bound over under \$500 bond. They were severely arraigned by the solicitor who recounted the efforts made by citizens to put an end to mob violence and repeated the resolutions against the outrage passed at the meeting of the Citizens' Association, and urged when the Governor was petitioned to offer rewards for arrest of the perpetrators.

Alleged Former Judge, Fugitive, Seized.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 29.—Alfred J. Whitman, who was arrested in St. Louis on September 25 on a charge of forgery and was being brought to the city by detectives, jumped from the car, made a dash for it, and was reported, refused to stop the train and it reached a suburb of the city. Detectives with Whitman in chase went back to search for their prisoner.

Tricked to Wreck Train for Robbery.

Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 29.—An attempt to wreck the train on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad line was evidently planned by some one whose purpose was robbery. The train was on the line when it was derailed and the engine and boiler were overturned. The train was derailed and the engine and boiler were overturned.

GORMAN, AND RAYNOR MEET.

ALL FACTIONS COMING TOGETHER.

Representatives of Every Wing of the Democratic Party Call on Judge Parker, Among Them Alexander C. Troop, New Haven, a Strong Bryanite—Much of Judge Parker's Time Taken Up With Conferences With Chairman Taggart, Belmont, Sheehan and Other Leaders.

SENATOR HOAR DEAD.

Venerable Massachusetts Early This Morning.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 30.—George Frisbie Hoar, senior United States Senator from Massachusetts, died at his home in this city at 1:35 this morning. The end followed a period of unconsciousness that had continued since early Tuesday and came so gently that only the attending physicians were aware of the exact moment of dissolution.

The Evils of Divorce.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 29.—The triennial convention of the Daughters of the King of the United States was formally opened at St. Paul's church to-day. The charge to the convention was made by Rt. Rev. Cleland Kinloch Nelson, bishop of Georgia. He asked the daughters of the King to direct their earnest work toward remedying the evils of divorce. He said in part: "Three hundred thousand divorces a year mean work for women of reverence, heart and sympathy. My greatest trust is in the character and determination of American women rather than the legislation of American men to stem the turbulent tide rising against the sacredness of motherhood. Divorce is burning out the hopes of a beautiful American home life."

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