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## A VISIT TO PARKER.

Our Washington Correspondent Sees Him at Esopus.

He Says There Will Be No Doubt of His Election, and the People Will Have in White House a Great and Good Man

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Washington, D. C., August 10.

It may be interesting to the readers of this correspondence to know that the reason they have not heard from me for a week is because I have been away and in the interest of the Democratic party, and incidentally in their own interest. I believed it was to their interest and to the interest of every Democrat in the country to have a correct pen picture of Judge Alton Brooks Parker, my candidate and their candidate for president of the United States. I have been writing and you have been reading these letters for nearly two years now, and I feel that all the readers of these letters feel and know that my democracy is on straight. The may have and, many no doubt did, disagree with me concerning my personal preferences before the nomination was made at St. Louis, but there is no disagreement among real Democrats after the nomination has been made and we have lined up for the fight against the common enemy. There should be no disagreement among Democrats when the fact is staring them in the face that their liberty is being raped, their patrimony is being stolen from them, the very bread is being taken from them by the rapacious trusts of the country, as well as their meat, and they are adrift on the unknown sea of colonialism which is foreign to the letter and the spirit of the constitution of the country; that the lust of loot and the greed of graft has permeated and honeycombed every department of the national government until it reeks with rotteness of dishonest administration.

It is up to the people to stop this riot of rapacity or allow their grand republic and the greatest government ever established by man since the tide of time began to pieces, to disintegrate of its own rotteness because owned and controlled by the predatory wealth of the country which also owns and controls the Republican party, its agent. The only way the people can do this is to defeat the Republican party in the campaign just now opening up, and the only way to defeat the Republican party is to vote the Democratic ticket straight from top to bottom. I appeal to the Republican voters of the country who are honest men regardless of their past political affiliations, to the great and independent voter who votes his conscience and his honest convictions regardless of party lines and to the good old, straight Democrat who votes his ticket after the nomination has been made no matter how sorely disappointed he may have been at the result. No man, however, has the right to be disappointed at the result. As every man knows who has read this correspondence for the past year and a half, I did not support Judge Parker for the nomination. If, as a man who did not support him for the nomination, I rejoice now in his nomination and honestly believe that it was the solution of the problem of getting together of the warring factions of the Democratic party, other men who were similarly minded can do the same thing with the greatest good grace in the world. I say to the Democrats of the country and to the people in general that the Democracy of the nation in convention assembled at St. Louis made no mistake in the nomination of Judge Alton B. Parker for the presidency of the country. This is the verdict of every leading Democrat in the entire nation who has had the pleasure and the privilege of meeting Judge Parker and of taking him by the hand. I have had that pleasure and that privilege, and it is of that I desire to say a few words concerning the Demo-

cratic standard bearer in this campaign to my readers.

During the meeting of the national committee, in New York city, through the kindness and the courtesy of the Hon. Norman E. Mack, national committeeman from New York, I was invited to accompany the members of the national committee to the home of Judge Parker to pay to him our sincere respects and give him assurances of our loyalty and esteem. I went, I saw, I was conquered, I am his.

If you have warm, red corpuscles in your blood he is the kind of a man who would make you get out and holler out loud for and get red in the face and walk across a rotten rail to serve him in a campaign against corruption and greed and graft and usurpation and skullduggery and militarism. Judge Parker is the antithesis of all these things that militate against decency and genuine good and safe constitutional government. In a word, Judge Parker is a sure enough man.

Did you ever study men? Then go up and meet Judge Parker and you will understand my enthusiasm for our candidate for the presidency. He loves nature and loves the smell of new mown hay, of mother earth and the breezes that come to him uncontaminated by the touch of anything but nature in all her purity. He loves horses and he loves children. That's why he is a real man; that's why he grasps your hand in a hearty shake; that's why he can laugh out loud, and that's why he can look you squarely in the eye when he is doing it. Judge Parker is over six feet in height, broad shouldered deep chested and athletic. He is at the very zenith of his physical and intellectual powers, a man devoted to clear, constitutional government economically administered in the interests of the whole people, and that's why he makes an ideal candidate of the Democratic party for the presidency of the United States, and that's why he would make an ideal president of the same. Judge Parker is one of the few men you meet with sunken hair and moustache and big expressive brown eyes with a merry twinkle in them. He possesses a keen sense of the ludicrous, loves a joke and can laugh at it and, therefore does not make the mistake of taking himself too seriously. Every member of the national committee who that day enjoyed the hospitality of Hon. Norman E. Mack and who met Judge Parker, was impressed with him exactly as I was and every one of them went home singing his praises and was his personal friend and well wisher as well as his sworn political partisan.

He is going to be elected and the people of the country will have in the White House a deep student, a great constitutional lawyer, a man who loves the people and who knows their needs and best of all a generous, honest, manly man.

I met the Hon. "Jim" Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on Arts and Expositions, in the national House of Representatives, the other day, and he is very much interested in the St. Louis Exposition, I asked him, in the interest of my readers, about the accommodations out there for sightseers, and he said to me:

"One of the unique privileges to be enjoyed by thousands of World's Fair guests is that of living at a hotel inside the grounds during their stay at the Exposition. No other exposition has afforded such a privilege. This hotel, aptly named 'The Inside Inn,' has a capacity of 6,000 guests. Its enormous size attracts great attention. It is located on the southeastern corner of the grounds, close to an Intramural railway station, and in easy walking distance of the 'main picture' of the Fair. The Inside Inn is conducted under the supervision of the World's Fair officials, who fix the prices for accommodation—rooms, meals, etc. Thus it may be seen that there can be no extortion whatever. Every guest registering at the hotel will know exactly what price he must pay per day for his room or rooms and for his meals. The guest pays his way into the World's Fair grounds

—50 cents. If he stops at the Inside Inn the hotel rates include the daily price of admission. There is great demand for room at the Inside Inn, the bookings having been in progress for several months. There are 2,257 rooms; they range in price from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day, rooms with bath costing from \$3.50 to \$5.50. All these rates include the price of admission to the Fair after the first admission fee of 50 cents is paid at the gate. Single meals at the Inn will cost as follows: Breakfast, 50 cents luncheon, 50 cents; evening dinner, 75. There is also a service a la carte at very reasonable rates. Guests who desire to obtain accommodations on the American plan may do so at fixed rates, according to location of room. Every convenience usually found at a first class hotel is provided at the Inside Inn."

### Lumber Bridge Locals.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. J. L. Shaw left Monday for ten days outing at St. Louis.

Miss Alma Love, who has been visiting at Willis Creek, returned Monday.

Mr. Dan Currie spent Sunday at the home of his uncle, Mr. M. L. Marley.

Mrs. J. P. Malloy and children from Valdosta, Ga., are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Effie Smith and sons of Perry, Fla., are visiting relatives here and at St. Pauls.

The Lumber Bridge Light Infantry left Wednesday for the encampment at Morehead.

Miss Elma Johnson returned home Saturday from Cumberland, where she has been teaching.

Miss Vinnie Johnson, of Buies, who has been visiting Miss Lena Shaw, returned home Monday.

Mr. Henderson Smith and sister, Mrs. J. H. Malloy, from Perry, Fla., who have been visiting here the past week, left Monday for Jackson Springs.

### Raft Swamp Notes.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. M. F. Hodges, Sr., came home from Laurinburg Wednesday.

The rains of the last few days have been very excessive in this locality.

Mr. Newton Culbreath, of Defaniak Springs, Fla., is visiting the family of his uncle, Mr. W. K. Culbreath.

The number of copies of The Robesonian delivered from the Lowe office has increased over 50 per cent. in the last two months.

Mr. J. E. Carlyle with his force of hands is doing some splendid work on the Lumberton and Pembroke road, between McNeill's bridge and Odum's X roads. Of course the road must be bad for a while, but let us wait patiently until it has had time to dry and harden. The work was much needed.

Prof. H. F. Page organized a class in vocal music training at Raft Swamp Wednesday for a term of two weeks. He has superior gifts for this line of work, which with his experience of several years, make him an excellent teacher. Our people should much appreciate the opportunity offered.

### St. Pauls News.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. Lee McGowan, of Midriver, Ga., came home last week on account of sickness. We hope it will not be serious.

Mr. W. Johnson left Monday for Wilmington, where he will spend a few days.

Miss Eoline Shaw is visiting Miss McNeill at Wade, N. C.

Mrs. W. J. Gillis, of Galatia, is at her father's, Mr. Sandy Parham's, this week.

Mr. D. J. McEachern and family are still at his brother's, Mr. A. R. McEachern. We are glad to note his improvement.

Mr. Dan Brisson, of Fla., is at his father's Mr. Reuben Brisson's.

Mrs. Effie Smith and sons, Jack and Leighton, of Perry, Fla., are visiting friends and relatives here.

Misses Estie Shaw and Annie McGeachy are spending the week with friends here.

Miss Addie Johnson, accompanied by her aunt, Miss Christian Johnson, of Spring Hill, spent last week at Galatia.

We are all glad to have Miss Della McGowan back, she looks none the worse for her stay and work in Georgia.

The ladies of St. Pauls are to give an ice cream supper August 25th. The proceeds are to go towards furnishing a room in the Morgan Hall at the Southern Presbyterian College at Red Springs.

Pastor J. W. Cobb and Rev. E. Lee Fox conducted a series of revival meetings at Clyburnville Baptist church last week. They are conducting a meeting this week at Ephesus.

### OTHER LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. Archie Toon, of Whiteville, was here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sessoms, of Sessoms, were here Thursday.

Messrs. Blacker Brothers have a change of advertisement in this issue.

Messrs. John H. and J. W. Powers, of Barkers, were in town Tuesday.

The rainy season continues though it appeared yesterday to have passed off.

Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth is spending several days in the county on a visit to his father.

Messrs. D. H. Britt and J. A. Thompson, of Back Swamp, attended the Farmers' Convention at Raleigh last week.

Miss Nellie McQueen, of Rowland and Miss Anna McLeod of McDonald's, spent yesterday here with Mrs. L. T. Townsend.

Mr. H. C. Boylin, who has been away for several days past visiting friends at Wadesboro, Lileville, and Monroe, returned yesterday.

Mr. Rora M'White, of Moss Neck, was in town yesterday. He reports cotton seriously injured in his locality by the excessive rain.

Mr. A. E. White has built a house on his lot facing the Court House square which will be occupied as a meat market by Mr. J. B. Smith.

Mr. W. A. Woodside, of the O. A. Robbins Co., of Charlotte is here erecting the boilers for the Cotton Seed Oil and Ginning plant. This done the ginnyery will be ready for operation.

Miss Isabelle Tenkey who has been visiting Miss Dora Faulk, expects to leave in the morning for Maxton where she will spend a while with Miss Mattie McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Birthright, of Raleigh, passed through here yesterday en route to Wilmington and the beach. They will visit friends in Lumberton before returning home.

Obstructions of grass and weeds on the street we are glad to see being removed. There is a lack of thrift in the appearance of the town where grass and weeds are permitted to grow.

Now that the days are becoming appreciably shorter the lights should be turned on at least half an hour earlier. Those who do not wish to use them this early don't have to do so, but they are necessary in the stores.

Wilmington Star: Judge Parker's resignation is being discussed by the press all over the United States. We hope that the paper, after the election, will be able to tell us about Roosevelt's complete resignation to his defeat.

Meters are being installed in the stores, offices and residences of all who are using electric lights so that hereafter there will be no kick coming from consumers. Payments will be made at the fixed rate per thousand.

Mr. G. A. Muller, baker for Mr. W. J. DuBoise left yesterday for Charleston, S. C., to visit his old home. Mr. DuBoise says not to be alarmed as he has not gone for good, and the bakery will continue to meet all demands during his absence.

It is rather singular that with the unusual rainfall of the past several weeks the river has risen so little. It is due doubtless to the fact that we have had no protracted rain fall in several years and because evaporation is at this season more active.

Mr. Jesse B. Humphrey, who was seriously injured while repairing the roof of the dormitory about eight weeks ago, and has since spent several weeks in a hospital in Charlotte, returned to Lumberton yesterday. He has accepted a position in the store of Mr. A. R. Phillips.

Wilmington Star: As fast as the Japanese push the Russians back they repair the railway and propose to operate it between Port Arthur, Mukden and Niuchwang. The little yellow men are something to be wondered at.

Mr. W. O. Johnson, of St. Pauls spent several hours here Wednesday. He tells us he will return to Wake Forest College August 30th.

Mr. Walter Townsend, of Grady, we are sorry to learn has a well developed case of typhoid fever. His father, Mr. Neill Townsend is sick, also.

We have heard much complaint of late caused by lack of mailing facilities in parts of the Howellsville section. It seems that a great many people live from three to four miles from a postoffice. They should take immediate action to secure better service.

Mr. C. B. Skipper, who has been sick for several days past, is improving we are glad to learn.

Miss Johnnie Thompson, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. Q. T. Williams for the past several weeks, left yesterday afternoon for her home in Florida.

Since the operation of the new train on the Seaboard the schedule of the regular afternoon train has been dropped back ten minutes. This breaks the Peabroke connection by ten minutes unless the Atlantic Coast Line train happens to be late. This accounts for the lateness in the arrival of the paper at points from Elrod to Ashpole inclusive. Hereafter the paper for these points will be sent eastward in the morning that it may reach the people at the points named in the afternoon.

### Substitutes For The Bar-Room.

The recent dedication of a tavern in New York city has been commented upon throughout our country. The institution was set up in the name of temperance reform by good and sincere men. Bishop Potter, the foremost bishop of the Episcopal church in America, was present and made an address. The doxology—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"—was sung. This tavern will sell the same drinks that the bar-rooms provide. It is defended, however, on the ground that its environments will be more wholesome. Drunkenness will be discouraged; gambling will not be countenanced; and the general endeavor will be to substitute for the usual degrading influences of the bar room a wholesome atmosphere. Its program is to drive the bar-room out of business.—Biblical Recorder

### Principal of School Chosen.

The friends and patrons of Robeson Institute will be glad to learn that the Board of Trustees have engaged Prof. W. B. Loving, of Charlottesville, Va., as principal of the business department for the coming session. Prof. Loving is a graduate of Richmond College and of the Massey Business College, Richmond, Va., and has had several years' successful experience in teaching. He guarantees that graduates in the business department will be accepted as fully qualified to teach in any business college in the South.

### Preparing for the Fry.

Active work is now going on to make the approaching campaign a warm one in North Carolina. Democratic headquarters will soon be opened in Raleigh. Chairman Simmons is at work preparing a 250-page handbook. Speakers are being called to arms and clubs are being organized. Altogether quite a lively campaign can be promised.—Wilmington Messenger.

### Marriage in Sterlings.

Mr. N. F. Barton and Miss Lula Nye were married at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. E. Nye, in Sterlings Township, Wednesday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Kinchen Barnes. The young people are highly esteemed in the county, where they are well known. The Robesonian hastens to join their host of friends in wishing them long life and great happiness.

### A Record Breaker.

The monthly report of the Department of Agriculture shows the condition of the cotton crop is almost a record breaker. It is 61.6. This has been exceeded only once during the last fifteen years. In 1894 the condition was 61.8. In August, 1898, the condition was 61.2. Upon the basis of this average and the increased acreage, the government estimates the coming crop at 12,000,000.

Republicans who are much concerned about how it is going in November find little consolation in looking toward the meat packing regions. The strike situation is not at all reassuring.—Post.

## RUSSIA IS NERVOUS.

The Japanese Are Getting Too Close for Comfort.

The Situation of Kuropatkin is Now Critical as the Cordon Tightens Around Him and Enemy Encloses His Flanks

St. Petersburg, Aug. 10.—Nervousness over the situation at the front seems to be increasing since the occupation by the Japanese of the Wolf Hills before Port Arthur.

It is admitted that the besiegers have an elevated position whence emplaced guns can command the fortress, and while still professing confidence that General Stosses will be able to hold out with his comparatively small garrison against the enormous number of the attackers and their evident disregard of men, indicated by the reckless manner in which they stormed the outer positions, the state of affairs creates more apprehension than the war office or admiralty care to acknowledge.

Similar misgivings exist regarding General Kuropatkin's position. The advantages of the new Japanese base at New Chwang is greatly simplifying the problem of provisioning their army being fully realized. But it is the report that the Japanese are working upward westward from the main army which occasions the greatest uneasiness. The rumor that they are moving up toward Simmintin, a short distance west of Mukden from New Chwang is generally believed.

With the Japanese cordon tightening about them, the appearance of the Japanese on the other side of Mukden to almost pocket General Kuroatkin if he has resolved to accept battle with his whole army at Laio Yang. Shrewd military attaches are extremely doubtful whether General Kuropatkin could now withstand even if he so desired.

### State Farmers' Alliance.

The State Farmers' Alliance of North Carolina held its eighth annual session near Hillsboro this week. Tuesday President Graham delivered his annual address and routine business was transacted. Wednesday there was a farmers' picnic, and addresses were made by Governor C. B. Aycock, Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, State Veterinarian Tait Butler and Rev. Charles E. Madday. The revival of the Farmers' Alliance in this county is very gratifying and should be appreciated by every Robeson county farmer.

### Children Stricken by Lightning.

A tobacco barn on the farm of Mr. R. R. Barnes, near Barnesville, was struck by lightning Wednesday about noon and two children of Mr. Quince Britt, aged 7 and 9 years, who were keeping up the fires were seriously injured by the shock. Their bodies were badly blistered and their recovery is doubtful. The barn was considerably damaged, though not destroyed.

### Marion (S. C.) Notes.

Mr. Palmer W. Johnson, of Marietta, spent Sunday in Marion.

Crops all over the county are more or less damaged by the recent heavy rains. The much talked-of cotton mill is soon to be built. For several days some of our business men had had the matter under consideration, and on Monday, a canvas was begun for subscribers to the capital stock. About half of the proposed capital has been subscribed and it is not thought there will be any difficulty in raising the balance. It is not yet known just where the mill will be located, but it is probable that the Ashby Cotton Mill property will be bought, and utilized, provided enough land can be secured. It is understood that Mr. W. Stackhouse, of Dillon, will have charge of the management as president and treasurer.