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HE PICKS THE MAN

Mr. Cooper Thinks Parker Will Be Chosen.

Selects Senator Gorman as Manager of Judge Parker's Campaign--Finds No Gorman Sentiment.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, under date of December 25th, says:

Representative Cooper, of Texas, to-day authorized a statement which has attracted some attention among politicians. The Texas member thinks Judge Parker will be nominated for President, while Senator Gorman will manage his campaign. Mr. Cooper thus expressed himself: "Senator Gorman would make an excellent candidate and a great President, but if I can catch a drift of sentiment among Democrats everywhere it is not running toward Gorman for the nomination. During the last six months I have been in New York a great deal, and I have talked with Democrats constantly in the room of the House of Representatives. I think I have had an excellent opportunity to judge of the sentiment that exists in relation to the candidate who has been mentioned from time to time. When Democrats constantly say: 'Gorman would make a good candidate,' and 'Gorman would make a good candidate but'—I know what that means. There is always an 'if' or 'but' whenever the name of Gorman is mentioned. Now the fact is Senator Gorman is know all over the country as a slick politician. Somehow that sort of sentiment, when it gets broadcast, doesn't do a man any good among the people when it comes to making a selection for the presidency. People don't like these qualifications in connection with a presidential candidate. They do not give strength among the ordinary voters. It is hard to get up enthusiasm in the face of such a reputation. I hope I make myself thoroughly understood. I admire Senator Gorman and his great ability, but I am simply giving my views as to his position just at this time in relation to the nomination. These qualifications of a shrewd politician, that are so generally accredited to Mr. Gorman, are qualifications that point to him as manager of the next campaign. Everyone talks well for him for the nomination, but always with that fateful 'if' or 'but.' I may say that the lack of Gorman sentiment, out and out, simply seems to be in the air."

Indians' Veneration for Dead.

"One of the distinctive features appealing to every traveller in Alaska," said F. J. Parke, special agent of the Interior Department, at the Republican, "is the veneration displayed by the Indians for their dead, says the Milwaukee Sentinel. The most picturesque spots imaginable are selected for their burial places, and as one travels along the mountain sides, or up the canons and valleys, the fantastic graven representation of animals, birds or fish indicate the fact that beauty spots have been taken for the burial places of the natives.

"I visited villages where the totem poles recounting the history of its population resembled a small shipyard. The amount of work done on these records is almost beyond comprehension, and, like the Egyptain hieroglyphics in ancient times graven upon marble and stone, the language of a totem pole tells the history of chieftains and tribesmen. Some of these features must disappear with the march of commercialism developing the Territory.

"The relic hunter, imbued with the spirit of vandalism, is no respecter of traditions, and many a rudely carved cedar pole has been transplanted. Instead of standing like grim sentinels guarding the secrets of the frozen north-land, and to the initiated telling the story of the life and death of semi-barbarian who so deeds it commemorates, the chances are that it will decorate the private grounds of relic hunting tourists."

Celestial Refreshments.

Places of rest and refreshments are commonly to be found at the halting stations on the highways in the interior, or at the villages on the banks of the great rivers of China, says the Washington Star.

They frequently take the form of a resting pool for, having a dark the weather cold they indulge in something stronger, which often inebriates, and that at a very cheap rate. In the darkest corner there are a row of glazed earthenware jars, containing a kind of Chinese whiskey, for which a thirsty carter may have a skinful for something considerably under a penny; when he will quietly go to sleep on the shaft of his cart, and his pony or mule, being used to it, will take him home.

In addition to these conveniences there is an ingenious little furnace in front, having a long flue, through which the flame is driven by an air pump, and a row of hot-water kettles, gradually increasing in size to suit the heat the temper of flame that passes up the flue beneath, so that they may all be kept boiling. The hot water is sold to the passersby, who usually carry with them their teapot and tea, so that they may have a cup at every station. This custom of carrying one's own teapot is so common that it is difficult to procure a cup of tea in any of the restaurants, as they do not keep it, and do not care to go out of their way to buy it for you. Although the plant may be growing all around, and at one's very feet, it is next to impossible to get a cup that a foreigner would consider worth drinking; and as to using milk and sugar, the Chinese look upon the practice as a barbarious device of the "foreign devil."

Moonshiner's Profits.

An old revenue officer who has had years of active experience, says the Macon Telegraph, in raiding stills and capturing blockaders, who has had many a battle with the outlaws and heard the bullets from their guns whistle past him, who has often crouched behind rocks and stood behind trees, and who has done his share in trying to stamp out the miscreants, said a few days ago in speaking of blockaders and moonshine whiskey: "I have been a revenue officer for about twenty-five or thirty years, and have seen all kinds of service, under all kinds of circumstances, and I don't believe blockading or illicit distilling will ever be stopped. The reason for my belief, and I am not the only one, is simply this: There is such a large profit in the business that the temptation is too great for most of that class of people, regardless of the law, not heeding what has befallen fellow moonshiners. Even forgetting that they have once been caught or suspected, and that the eyes of the officers are on them, they go right ahead and distill the grain. But at the same time they are on the lookout for raids, and have their guns ever ready to send a piece of lead into their discoverer. They are good shots, too, hardly missing when they have a fair opportunity to take aim.

"I will give you an idea how cheaply moonshine whiskey is made, and the immense profits that are reaped from its sale. They take one gallon of cheap black molasses, which costs about 80 cents; two bushels of meal, costing 65 cents per bushel, and some water. This is made into a mash, allowed to ferment, and the stuff then goes through the process of evaporation. This amount of meal, water and molasses makes forty gallons of whiskey, which is sold for $2 a gallon. Any one can see the immense profit from this illustration.

"Latterly brown sugar has been used instead of molasses, and is a great deal cheaper. The sugar costs about 4½ cents a pound; there are 300 pounds in a barrel, making it cost $13.50 per barrel. An immense amount of molasses is made from a barrel of sugar, and the profit is almost twice as great as in using the first method. Distillers are captured every day, and when they are sent to prison others take their places, and thus the perpetual flow of 'white lightning.'"

Proof That Dishonesty is News.

That was a fine story which the Associated Press gave us the other day from the capital—an account of the trip made by a young man in the employ of the Treasury Department from Washington to New York. He was just "a common clerk" upon a $1,800 salary. And to save cost of expressage he carried $5,000,000 in signed bills from one city to the other, unbonded and unattended. If, as the ungodly assert, "Every man has his price," that young fellow's price must be pretty high. Fine as such an example is, it does not detract from his just honor to say that we know plenty like him. That the papers gave him half a dozen lines and some embezzler of a thousand or two, half a column, shows that

SITUATION IN ORIENT

Russia and Japan May Go to War Soon.

Prominent Leaders of the Latter Country Assert That If War is Declared the People Will Support the Emperor.

At the dinner given by the Oriental Association Friday night, former Foreign Minister Kato, who presided, said he deeply regretted that the people had not been taken into the confidence of the government regarding the position of affairs between Japan and Russia, says a Topkio dispatch Nevertheless, he said, should the Emperor declare war, the nation would be found ready to give him unanimous support.

Count Okuma, the foreign Premier, said he agreed with the view expressed by Mr. Kato and he thought it was now high time to let the people know the actual position occupied by the government. He also declared that not only a feeling of chivalry, but a desire for self-preservation required that Japane should buttress the integrity of China. Both speakers thought that the situation had reached an extremely critical stage.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: The Russian government is still considering the reply of the Japanese government to its note, which was sent in answer to Japan's demands relating to the situation in the far East. A reconsideration of the proposals made in the Russian note is considered as a matter of course here. Russia has never been disposed to take any step which would lead to an abrupt temination of the negotiations with Japan. In answer to many inquiries made by the Associated Press, the Russian Foreign Office has always insisted that the Russian proposals were so liberal that it would be scarcely possible to conceive any further concessions.

While the Foreign Office is unwilling to admit that Russia is prepared to offer more than the concessions outlined in the last note, it is considered possible the government may suggest changes by which the Russian requirements may be met and satisfaction give to Japan.

A rumor has been circulated here that the United States government is still inclined to suggest the reference of the differences between Russia and Japan to The Hague arbitration tribunal, but this rumor is believed to be merely the echo of a former suggestion made in the press in the United States.

The Christmas Gold Coin.

Gold, newly coined, continues in demand for Christmas gifts in Boston, and the Sub-Treasury here anticipates a rush for the bright new pieces before the end of the Christmas season, says the Boston Daily Advertiser. Most popular are the $5, $10 and $20 gold pieces. For the entire holiday season it is estimated that people in this part of the State will have taken from the Sub-Treasury over $1,000 in this way.

New York reports a marked call for $1,000 and $10,000 Government greenbacks for Christmas gifts, but the ambitions of the holiday givers here have not taken wings unto themselves as the New York figures would imply. The Sub-Treasury gets most of the gold coins back in a remarkably short time after they are sent out, As the gold pieces are gifts, the recipients in a majority of cases hie themselves to the banks to put them on deposit. The banks take them to the Treasury, and thus the circulation is kept up without interruption.

Charges Against Boyd.

A special to the Charlotte Chronicle from Washington says that charges have been made against Judge Jas. E. Boyd, and that Chairman Jenkins, of the House judiciary committee, is ready to act if any member wishes to inaugurate impeachment proceedings. The nature of the charges is not disclosed.

Pink-Flushed Apples.

"There is now a pink-flushed apple!" said the produce dealer, who has just returned from Western New York, says the Philadelphia Record. "It is grown by Edson M. Crossman, a horticulturist of North Genesee county, N. Y. For years Mr. Crossman has experimented successfully with cabbages and fruit, and now he has produced a pink-flushed apple. The apple is to look at of a green color (beautiful apple green), while the flesh is of a distinct watermelon pink. There is just enough of tartness in its flavor, which is otherwise quite like that of the famous wine apple. The apples are uniform in size, color and flavor. A Buffalo dealer has bargained for all that are to be sold at 10 cents each. The ambitious apple will certainly be in fashionable society soon, and this particular sort is already fitted to shine at pink teas. Good for the apple, which is proving afresh that Eve knew a good thing when she saw it."

Raft Swamp Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lowe, Dec. 28.—Miss Belle Tyner, of the Baptist Female University, spent the holidays at home.

Mr. Jerry Odum, Sr., happened to the misfortune of falling from a fence one day last week, from which he received some very painful injuries.

The house of Gen. Bond, near Moss Neck, was discovered on fire one night last week. The flames were discovered and extinguished before much damage was done.

Miss Addie Tyner, who has been teaching school in Harnett county, spent the holidays at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tyner. She returned to her school to-day (Monday).

Glad to report Mrs. Ernest Odum improving some since our last report.

Mr. M. F. Hodges, Jr., of Lillington, is visiting relatives in the community for a few days.

Mrs. N. Stubbs, of Boardman, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Culbreth. Miss Annie Culbreth is also at home from Barkers, where she has been attending school.

Miss Ona Prevatt, who has been attending school at Barkers, is spending sometime at home with her father, Rev. John Prevatt.

An Electric Party.

W. E. Shaw, of Brookline, Mass., gave an "electrical party" recently, the feature of which was the exhibition of an electric clock for blind and deaf mutes. Mr. Shaw is deaf and dumb and he was assisted in demonstrating the workings of his invention by "Tommy" Stringer, blind, deaf and dumb, who is making great progress in the sciences. The clock tells the time and alarms the sleeper by agitating a lever which is connected by a string to a pillow, causing the pillow to move up and down, the vibrations being communicated to the sleeper by touch. A circuit is closed by which an electric current is sent through a small incandescent lamp in front of a parabolic mirror, the rays of which are thrown into the face of the sleeper. It releases a spring connected with a hammer, which falls upon a fulminating cap, the loud explosion of which at close quarters is perceptible to a deaf person. It would seem to fill the bill as an alarm clock which would rouse the heaviest sleeping commuter.

Aged Lady Fatally Burned.

Mrs. Julia Mitchel, a lady about 80 years old, was burned to death at her home at Marion Saturday, says a special to the News and Observer. It seems she had gotten up to start a fire and it is thoug her clothing ignited in that way and burned so rapidly that she could not put it out. As she was all alone it appears she got the water pail and poured water over herself in an effort to extinguish flames, as when she was found by some friend soon after the accident she was laying in the floor with water pail by her side and the floor wet around her. She was rather eccentric and insisted on living in her own cottage by herself rather than stay with friends

Another monkey has been admitted to high social circles. Mrs. Ball, the wife of a distinguished oculist in Paris, gave a reception to "Consul," a pet chimpanzee. The monkey appeared before the company in the regulation evening dress. His manners left nothing to be desired. He ate ice cream and flirted with the women like a "vieux marcheur." In fact he did everything but sing. Mrs. Ball has demonstrated that a monkey, with a little training, will make a fetching dude.—Exchange.

A Crash in Prices---Come and See the Ruins.

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