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JOHN PARKER MAY RUN FOR GOV. ON REPUBLICAN TICKET

Following Statement by Tom Bost That He Could Get the Nomination If He Wanted It, Mr. Parker Makes Statement to The Journal.

Mr. J. J. Parker can get the Republican nomination for governor if he seeks it, according to Tom Bost, Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News, and well known political authority. In his correspondence of yesterday Mr. Bost had the following item:

"John Parker admits that Republicans are boosting him for governor and he is not certain just what he should do. They nominated him in 1916 for attorney general and he made the race, conducted a fine campaign, and won a lot of friends. He is a fine speaker and yet well under 40. He doubtless can get the nomination if he seeks it. He cannot make up his mind what he should do if he heard the call of the party."

To a Journal representative who approached Mr. Parker relative to this report he did not deny that he was considering the proposition and intimated that he might enter the race. He stated that a number of his friends had urged him to run but that he felt a delicacy in allowing his name to be considered because there were so many other men in the party he deemed more worthy of the honor. He said that he considered the campaign of 1920 as the most important event in the life of the State for many years, and that to be the standard bearer of a political party in this campaign would be to occupy a position of responsibility, and that he would not consider entering into any sort of scramble for the position. He said, however, that this was not a time to make politics a matter of personalities and that if at the proper time it appeared to him that he could serve the State by entering the campaign he would not hesitate to enter.

Those who know Mr. Parker best know that this is a sincere statement of his position. He is primarily a lawyer, and during the ten years or more he has practiced law at Monroe he has devoted himself to the study and practice of law, having become known as a student and advocate. He takes a great interest in public questions, however, and although only 34 years of age he has already made two notable political campaigns in the State, one in 1910 when as nominee for Congress in the 7th District he had a joint canvass of the district with R. N. Page; the other in 1916 when as nominee for attorney general he canvassed the greater part of the State, making speeches which won for him the high regard and esteem of all political parties. That he is not unacquainted with practical politics is demonstrated by the fact that he was campaign manager for John J. Morehead in the fifth district in 1908 when the latter was elected to Congress, overcoming a normal Democratic majority of 5,000.

The mention of Mr. Parker's name in connection with the gubernatorial nomination is interesting from a number of angles. He and Lieut. Gov. O. Max Gardner were students at the University at the same time, he being president of the athletic association and Mr. Gardner being captain of the football team. Then, as stated, it was against Mr. R. N. Page, another candidate for the governorship, that Mr. Parker conducted his campaign for Congress in 1910, their joint debate being one which will be remembered for years in this district.

The people of our county are all friends of John Parker and they are pleased to know that he is being considered for the high office of Governor. Men of all parties know that he is a man who "measures up," and if he should be nominated by the Republican party he will make a campaign which will be long remembered.

A signal honor was conferred upon Mr. Parker at the meeting of the North Carolina state bar at the O. Henry hotel in Greensboro last week, when he was elected vice-president of the association. This goes to prove that although he is yet a young man his worth and ability has been recognized by the members of the profession.

Girls and Gowns in Dalton Photoplay.

Girls and gowns play an important part in "Other Men's Wives," the latest Thomas H. Ince photoplay featuring Dorothy Dalton, which comes as a Paramount offering to the Strand Theatre for Friday. Miss Dalton herself sets the pace by wearing some new products from her modiste that are bound to make the women in the audience sit up and take notice. In truth, she runs the gamut of wearing apparel from the riding habit to boudoir gown. There are some big dance scenes and in these she fairly revels in gorgeous dresses.

It is a tensely dramatic story by C. Gardner Sullivan, but it is placed in settings of loveliness and concerns people who are beautifully plumed. Miss Dalton is surrounded by a carefully selected cast which includes Forrest Stanley, H. H. Herbert, Dell Boone, Elsie Larimer and Hal Clements.

Bryan has announced the probable nominee of the Democrats next year. He says it must be a man who has always been right on the liquor question. He might name the unlucky Wright if he was not so backward.—Los Angeles Times.

Howie Reunion.

The family of the late Capt. S. G. Howie with kindred and close friends enjoyed a most delightful day together at the old home six miles west of Monroe on Thursday last week. "Aunt Kate," the mother of the family, hale and hearty at 78 years, was at her best and all vied with each other in making her joy complete on this occasion.

Children and friends came from half a dozen states of the Union and sections of the state, the surrounding towns and immediate community to be with the family and help make a glad day for all. The grand old grove and spacious lawn of the old homestead was a most fitting place for this gathering and nothing was left undone by the devoted sons and daughters to make the appointments complete.

After some announcements by the chairman, Mr. Hugh H. Winchester of Louisville, Ky., prayer was offered by Rev. R. J. McIlwain of Monroe. Mr. F. H. Wolfe then read a letter written to the family by Hon. J. N. Price, who could not be present, expressing his faith in, and friendship for the family of his life-long and highly esteemed friend, Capt. S. G. Howie. Mr. S. T. Howie made fitting response to Mr. Price's letter.

Mr. McIlwain then made the address of the day—and a truly interesting one it was—taking for his subject "The Scotch People and the Scotch Irish People," being one and the same great race to whom America owes so much; which race the Howie family is a part.

Following this the speaker gave a brief history of the Howies from the settlement of William and Robert "Scotchman" on Twelve Mile creek about the year 1790, to the present time.

After this came the presentation of a handsomely engraved and beautiful silver loving cup to Mrs. Howie, the gift of her son, Mr. S. T. Howie of Charleston, West Va. On one side of the cup were engraved the names of the mother and all of the living children, and on the other side the names of the father and all the deceased children.

Mr. Wolfe then made a few felicitous remarks on the joyfulness of the occasion and closing this part of the program.

The chairman then requested all present to enroll their names on the register provided for the purpose and more than 175 names went down.

Then under the great oaks a picnic dinner was spread on tables which said in language plainer than words "Come, eat." The invitation was accepted and all gave free rein to the social for the remainder of the day.

The sons present were: S. T. Howie, and wife, Charleston, W. Va.; J. E. Howie, and wife, Partmouth, Va.; Roser Howie, and wife, Cumberland, Md.; Harry Howie, and wife, Laurel Hill, N. C.; W. D. Howie, and wife, still living at old home; Robert Howie, still living at old home, and Mrs. Julia Warwick, Laurensburg, N. C.

A group picture was taken of the surviving sons and daughters of the late T. D. Winchester, Sr., of which Aunt Kate was one; the others being Mr. T. M. Winchester, Miss Mary M. Winchester, Mrs. Stacie Howie Matthews and the oldest son, J. H. Winchester, Esq., aged 88 years.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Claude Helms of Anson county is spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Helms.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ingram and Mr. Herbert Ingram left yesterday for Hendersonville where they will spend a week or ten days. Miss Farrow of Atlanta spent Sunday with Mrs. Ingram.

Mrs. J. F. Laney and Mrs. Heath Lee were called home last week from Lake Junaluska on account of the serious illness of Mr. H. R. Laney. Mrs. Laney reports that the mountains are very congested, it being almost impossible to secure accommodations at the larger hotels. Many people are forced to sleep in automobiles, tents and shacks.

Many Monroe people remember pleasantly Miss Eugenia Rowe who made her home here when her father, Dr. J. C. Rowe, was pastor of Central Methodist church and presiding elder of the district. Mrs. W. T. Bost had the following to say of Miss Rowe in Sunday's Greensboro News: "Miss Eugenia Rowe of Asheville, daughter of Dr. J. C. Rowe and a sister of Dr. Gilbert Rowe, Methodist minister, is North Carolina's contribution to the unit of 100 young women sent out by the General Federation of Women's Clubs for duty in France. The unit works officially under the Y. M. C. A., but, according to the contract of the general federation, the 100 women are being maintained by the women's clubs for a year. Fifteen thousand dollars is the amount still needed to make out the fund, which gives to each girl a yearly allowance of about \$2,500. A number of the federation girls went over in January, and the others followed later. Mrs. Robert R. Cotten is a member of the war victory commission and had seven of the southern states under her supervision. The amount contributed by North Carolina clubs to the war victory fund was \$1,600.45. Miss Rowe is pleasantly and permanently located in Paris, Mrs. Cotten says. Her willingness to do any piece of work assigned her to do has greatly impressed the woman director in France, who places the young women upon their arrival."

Pinetown Downs Stallings. Correspondence of The Journal. Stallings, Aug. 7.—Stallings baseball team went over to Sardis yesterday and played a loose and uninteresting game of ball with a team composed mostly of Charlotte city league players under the name of Pinetown. Pope who started for Stallings was snowed under in the first with a shower of hits and runs and Muse who followed him fared little better, and only the fast fielding of the Stallings team saved him. Purcell, who bats from New York was easily the star for Pinetown scoring three of their seven runs.

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DR. NEAL LECTURED ON FRANCE

"Her Customs and People," the Subject of His Address at Central Methodist Church.

An interesting service was held at Central Methodist church Sunday evening when Dr. Kemp Neal, son of Dr. J. W. Neal, addressed a large congregation on "France, Her Customs and People." Dr. Neal is a graduate of Trinity and Harvard and though a young man, has made quite a reputation as a skilled surgeon. He was overseas several months with Base Hospital Unit 65. One of the principal things he tried to impress upon his hearers was that we could pattern after France along educational lines much to our benefit.

France, he said, laid more stress on training the artistic side, the imagination; and the classics were taught in her schools and colleges and given a prominent place. The effect of this teaching is apparent in the beautiful pictures in their art galleries, the artistic architecture, and handsome, durable homes and public buildings. He said in our schools we laid too much stress on teaching our youth how to make money. We do not value the aesthetic side, the love of the beautiful and art is not impressed upon our children as it should be. We should teach them that there is more in life than mere money-making.

Dr. Neal also wanted to correct the prevalent impression that the French people were highly immoral and that their cities and towns were very unsanitary. The tales that the doughboys bring back are not always entirely correct—at least it is not true of all of France nor of all the people. Of course their customs are different from ours in many respects but as for their immorality, the greatest difference lies in their being open with what they do while we try to keep ours hidden.

The better class of French people are delightful, and their hospitality even exceeds that of our Southland. The average doughboy did not come in contact with the better class and his impressions were gained mostly from the peasants. As for their exorbitant charges, it is no worse than in our camp cities. Besides the soldier had everything he needed furnished him by Uncle Sam and the things they bought were considered luxuries and were subject to war tax.

Dr. Neal defended the Y. M. C. A. which has been so severely criticized, and told of their splendid work for the boys. He said they could not give things away like the K. of C., Salvation Army and some other organizations, but they were authorized by the government to sell them at a price to make the business run itself. Their money was spent to build huts, furnish writing material and provide amusement and entertainment for the boys. He also made mention of the work of the Red Cross which is too well known to need comment.

A splendid audience greeted Dr. Neal and he held their rapt attention throughout his address.

Miss Elizabeth Roberts of Ansonville, Ala., who was spending the day with Mrs. C. N. Simpson Jr., rendered a vocal selection which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Dough! Look With No Longing Eyes at "Other Men's Wives"

That it is a dangerous thing to look with longing eyes on other men's wives, is the moral brought out in Thomas H. Ince's latest Paramount picture "Other Men's Wives," in which Dorothy Dalton is starred with a remarkably strong cast supporting her.

The story concerns a young girl in desperate circumstances who is used by a designing man as a cat's paw to scratch the domestic felicity of another man's wife. He who disdains the sanctity of the home, is in love with a married woman and is an apostle of the creed that all is fair in love. The husband is above reproach and the only hope for divorce grounds is to catch him in some compromising position.

The young girl, played by Dorothy Dalton, is used for this purpose. In the dramatic development it turns out her character is too strong and she exposes the intrigue. The crisis revolutionizes her own life and wins for her the respect of an honorable man that later develops into a true love.

The picture will be shown at the Strand Theatre Friday. It was directed by Victor L. Schertzinger, under the supervision of Thomas H. Ince. In the supporting cast are Forrest Stanley, H. H. Herbert, Dell Boone, Elsie Larimer and Hal Clements.

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DEATH OF MR. H. R. LANEY.

Died Sunday Morning About Nine O'clock of Bright's Disease—Funeral Service Conducted From the Home Yesterday Afternoon.

Mr. H. R. Laney died at his home on Windsor avenue Sunday morning about 9 o'clock, death resulting from Bright's disease from which he had suffered for several months. Mr. Laney had been unable to work for some time past but his condition became critical only a few days ago. To many news of his death came as a distinct shock.

Henry Raeford Laney was the fourth son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Laney. He was born at the old Laney residence on the corner of Windsor and Church streets in 1870, and was therefore 49 years old. About twenty years ago he was married to Miss Pearl Ogburn and she with three sons, Mr. Raeford Laney and Masters Yates and Nick Laney, survive. Messrs. J. F. and C. E. Laney are brothers and Messdames G. S. Lee, Charles Ayscne, Lura Evans and Virginia Davis are sisters of the deceased.

For years Mr. Laney had been employed by the Seaboard Air Line Railway as freight conductor. He was a popular man among the railway employees and a member of the Order of Railway Conductors. Along the route which he piloted his train, the deceased was well and favorably known.

A big heart coupled with a companionable disposition were traits which won many friends for Mr. Laney.

Since boyhood Mr. Laney had been a member of Central Methodist church and a member of the choir. He was a baritone singer of note and his rendering of solos in his rich clear voice were looked forward to with pleasure by the congregation of Central Methodist church. It was only three weeks ago that he attended services and rendered a solo with remarkable feeling and expression.

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon at four thirty. Rev. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of the Methodist church at Salisbury, and Rev. S. L. Rotter, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, assisted Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of Central Methodist church, in the service. Many friends and relatives were in attendance and the floral offerings were most beautiful and profuse.

Messrs. D. A. Houston, A. M. Stack, J. W. Fowler, J. B. Simpson, W. J. Barnes, N. M. Redfern, W. C. Stewart and W. M. Gordon acted as pall bearers.

Marion Bryant Gets Perfect Stand of Alfalfa.

Marion Bryant, a prominent Wilson County farmer writes how he secured his best stand of alfalfa. His experiences with alfalfa and clover, as shown in his letter, are interesting.

Wilson, N. C., July 26, 1916.

I purchased Nitra-germ for one acre alfalfa and four acres crimson clover last season. I wish to say my alfalfa is as near perfect as I could wish. I have already cut it three times and am sure of two more cuttings. I secured a good stand of clover and have corn planted on the land where the clover was sowed, and an certain I will make forty per cent more corn on this land than I will on the land adjoining it, planted the same day where there was no clover. I am highly pleased with Nitra-germ for growing alfalfa and clover and expect to use more this season. I am sure that clover is the best and cheapest method of fertilizing land and I am equally sure that Nitra-germ will grow it. With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) MARION BRYANT.

Nitra-germ has produced similar records for thousands of farmers, not only in making successful stands of alfalfa and clover, but also vetch. Nitra-germ clover planted in your cotton alleys after the last working of cotton will be ready when the cotton is picked. It is excellent for grazing and hay and builds the soil. Nitra-germ vetch when planted with oats and rye makes the very best feed. It will double your yield and build your soil. Vetch stubble when turned under is equal to 700 lbs. of good grade fertilizer per acre. Nitra-germ alfalfa is sure of a good stand and 4 or 5 crops per year without cultivation. It is a wonderful land builder. In planting this fall inoculate your seed with Nitra-germ and be sure of a good stand. It improves your crop and land. It costs \$2.00 per acre delivered. For free book No. 47-A address Nitra-germ, Savannah, Ga.

Mrs. M. C. Austin is undergoing treatment in the Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte. Mrs. Austin is not seriously ill and is able to see her friends who call.

Pat Was in the Holy Land, Alright.

In a small village the mother of a soldier met the village priest, who asked her if she had had news. "Sure, I have," she said. "Pat has been killed."

"Oh, I am very sorrow," said the priest. "Did you receive word from the War Office?"

"No," she said "I received word from himself."

The priest looked perplexed, and said, "But how is that?"

"Sure," she said, "here is the letter; read it for yourself."

The letter said, "Dear Mother—I am now in the Holy Land."—The Argonaut.

Mr. Rotter Pleads For Library or Community Building.

To the Editor of The Journal.—Mr. R. B. Redwine's call for a mass meeting of the people of Union county next Thursday morning at the courthouse, to adopt plans to erect a monument in memory of Union's soldiers who lost their lives in the World War, and to provide ways for collecting and preserving data regarding Union's part in the great war, must arouse almost universal interest throughout the county.

As one recently came into the county, the matter is no less of interest to me. I have been hoping ever since the fighting stopped that there would be some movement to commemorate the lives that have been lost to us here in some way by which they might be found again in the lives of the living. It occurred to me some time ago that no better service could result from these lives spent for liberty than the establishment of a public library for the use of the people of Union county. I have felt that those who died for the world's freedom could bequeath no worthier boon to those left behind to continue the struggle against the powers of darkness than a place where the truth that shall make us all free can be studied through books, the products of the world's greatest minds. The building would be permanent, and it could be suitably inscribed.

I notice that Mr. Redwine is quoted in the papers as saying that he did not wish to discredit the movement to erect a community building as a memorial, but he thought it better to erect a monument first. Now, everyone who has had experience in collecting funds for any public enterprise knows that it is next to impossible to raise money a second time for the same or practically the same proposition. If the monument should be erected, that would end the matter of a memorial for the dead soldiers. The opportunity for a community building or library or both, contained in one building would be lost.

I have just learned that the last bulletin of the State Library Association carries a strong plea for the erection of memorial libraries instead of simple monuments in honor of our dead soldiers. I have not seen the bulletin, but I learn that the argument for the libraries there is that the memorials should combine utilitarian value with ornamental and historical worth. It is pointed out that following the Civil War monuments were erected at many county seats and have contributed nothing to their communities more than their imposing beauty and historical reminder, whereas if library buildings had been started, imposing beauty and historical reminder would have been all retained, and an immeasurable magnetic usefulness added, and so entire communities helped to a fuller life because of the lives that were spent for those communities.

The community building as a county center, with meeting hall, reading room, library, recreation and rest rooms for the use of men and women and boys and girls of the whole county, appears the thing most needed and most to be desired. The only argument I can conceive against it is that it would cost more than simply a monumental slab or shaft. But when you think about the lives to be memorialized, that argument becomes one in its favor. These lives were priceless, and priceless should be the memorial of them. The cost of maintenance and improvement would fall upon us as the years roll along, and be taken up by the coming generations to be benefited in their turn.

Union county has no central public library. Here is the opportunity to get one. I cannot help feeling that the men themselves who have gone beyond would prefer that their life giving be the means of more abundant life for those they died for, rather than that they themselves simply be glorified in lasting marble or enduring bronze. They have glory enough as it is. They gave their lives in service. Let that service "carry on" and be imperishable in the immortal lives enlightened by the printed page that bears the torch of undying light from generation to generation through the ages, illuminating more and more of the truth to each successive line of men.—S. L. Rotter, Monroe, N. C., Aug. 11.

Tobacco is selling down in eastern Carolina from one to ninety-one cents a pound, according to Mr. W. W. Horn, who is just back from a trip in that section. Speaking of the crop and prices, he said: "Two months ago the people in the tobacco belt had the best prospects for crops in their history. The rains came, and now they will be doing well to harvest two-thirds of an average sized crop. Low grade tobacco, which sold from 26 to 40 cents last year, brings only from one to four cents this season. High-grade tobacco, though, is bringing fancy prices, the average being from 60 to 80. Some of the farmers, whose crops were not badly hurt, are making small fortunes this year, but there are many others who have gone bankrupt. I saw one man who sold \$6,000 worth of tobacco off 18 acres, and still had about \$3,000 worth to market. One of the best successes was made by a young farmer, W. C. Parham, near Latta. He sold the tobacco off 100 acres of land at an average of 38 and one-half cents, and will make 400 bales of cotton. He stands to make \$50,000 or more this year."

Misses Louise and Mattie Bass of Chester, S. C., are visiting Miss Edna Helms at Carmel.

FAIR PRICE COMMITTEE TO BE APPOINTED EACH COUNTY

Profiteers Will Be Sought by Thousands of Sleuths—To Publish Prices Weekly.

Attorney General Palmer has started out to ascertain how much of the high cost of living is due to excessive profits by retailers. In a telegram to all state food administrators who worked with Administrator Hoover during the war, the attorney general requested the appointment of a fair price committee in each county to investigate what is being charged for retail necessities and if in excess of what the committee considers just, to publish a list of fair prices for the guidance of the public.

This is the "extra legal" means of reaching profiteering which Mr. Palmer recently indicated was under consideration. He has frankly admitted from the start that there was no means to prosecute directly a man guilty of extortion in prices. Retailers who are gouging the ultimate consumer will have to be disciplined by public sentiment, which officials have no doubt is sufficiently alert to the situation now to act vigorously in clear-cut cases. Hoarders, on the other hand, can be reached through the wartime food laws or the Sherman act, and Mr. Palmer requested the state food administrators to transmit to him any evidence of hoarding or other violations of the law which they might encounter in their work, with the promise that the government's law enforcement machinery would act promptly.

MARVIN L. RICH IS LIVING UP THE LABOR VOTE FOR PAGE

Former Monroe Man is Pretty Active in Labor and Political Circles, and is Working for Ex-Congressman.

(TOM BOST in Greensboro News.)

The call for the circumstances, made in answer to a demand for all the Morrison help possible, of that legislative vote, did not prove to be worth much to Mr. Morrison. The Old Guard appears to be very feckle. It cannot make up its mind that it likes the looks of labor. She is a very likely lady, comely, and the Old Guard has paid court to much worse and worse-looking. Meanwhile Marvin L. Rich, not one blamed bit of kin to J. Hamp, the unhampered and unhamperable Rich of Columbia university and inventor of the nucleus, nucleolus and the boob rill, goes about the state, does Marvin Rich, organizing labor everywhere, and ex-Congressman Bob Page is going to get his share.

Some of Gardner's friends feared the labor attack if it was made. They did not dread a show-down with Morrison—they just hated to have to stop the grand march of Gardner to answer a few hen-pecking objections. As for Gardner himself, he never worried. He knew the solitary assault on him for appointment of certain senators on the educational committee, could be nullified by passing the buck. The leading educators had urged such appointment. The Shipman incident turns out to be the most trivial thing possible. The only hope of getting up any excitement is to manufacture it, for the Old Guard allowed its members to humiliate another.

The effect of Marvin Rich's work will certainly be the leading of as many men away from Morrison as possible. The big football player, who has been having great luck in the towns, hopes to capture the labor vote for Bob Page. The ex-congressman has a splendid record for dealing with the workingman who tells with his hands and feet. As an employer he treated his fellows with great liberality and they will like him as a candidate.

But they like Gardner, too, and the reason isn't to hunt. Gardner is one of the finest farmers in North Carolina, has gone from the schools where he taught agricultural chemistry into the fields and coaxed them into production that is the marvel of his county. Then he knows how to be at home with the laboring man. Vice-President Tom Marshall says that the employer who calls his help Bill and Tom never has strikes. Surely the candidate who uses the first name or the nickname of more men than any North Carolinian who has yet come down the pike, will be able to stop a rush away from him. If Gardner had a record difficult to defend he would get a big labor vote because he is the prince of mixers. And the coup for Morrison a few weeks ago will be a score for Page and Gardner.

Notice to School Committeemen.

The committee men for some of the special tax districts have not yet listed that special tax. Register of deeds, Mr. M. C. Long, must present his books to the sheriff at once, and this tax must be taken care of before the sheriff computes the taxes.

If you have not listed the property in your special tax district, please attend to this matter this week. You may secure the books at Mr. Long's office any day you are in town.

Some have received the impression that the six months school law nullified the special tax law in the various districts. This is a mistake. You still have the special tax to increase your school term or to supplement teachers' salaries.

RAY FUNDERBUCK.