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## JUDGE PARKER HAS SPOKE.

After divers gyrations and contortions, we have an authoritative statement from the Columbia Record of June 29th, that the mountain has at last heaved, and brought forth a mouse. In other words, the great and only candidate for President on the Democratic ticket (according to some people) Judge Alton B. Parker, has unsealed his immobile lips, and trilled out the following sapient sentences for the delectation of a waiting multitude of Democrats, who had begun to think the man could not talk at all. This is what he is said to have said:

"I have the utmost confidence in the Democratic party and in the St. Louis convention. They will deal with and determine wisely, all questions pertaining to the pending Presidential contest from a Democratic point of view. I shall have nothing to say until the party shall have acted in convention. I am grateful beyond expression for the loyal support given me by so many of my fellow citizens."

That is all, and if such vapid expressions from one from whom so much was expected when he did speak, does not shake the confidence of the rankest Parkers, we would like to know what would. They sound precisely like the purr of an oily, third-rate politician, and have nothing of the ring of the statesman about them.

If, after that, by any mischance, Judge Parker should secure the nomination, we sincerely hope that his running mate will possess a great deal less of the fish, and considerable more of the mercurial element in his make up, or we see no hope of success.

Roosevelt has a partner in the shape of Fairbanks of the apparent style of Parker, and we have no doubt that Teddy is laying by a choice assortment of "swear" words, for use on that luckless individual when the campaign warms up.

### THE PEOPLE.

When we began the publication of The People, we had a tolerably fair idea of the difficulties and obstacles that we would have to overcome, as we were not a new hand at newspaper work. Realizing all the difficulties, &c., however, and believing that there was ample room here for the class of newspaper that we have endeavored to give you, and with an extremely limited capital, we made the venture.

The results have not disappointed our expectations. From a comparatively insignificant beginning, the paper has steadily advanced in favor with the entire community, and has made its way into twenty-one states.

Our subscription list is composed of the best representatives of all classes, and will, with a good crop year, pass the 1,000 mark by the first of January next. These results could have been attained only, and the fair prospects so nearly assured except, we think, by the editorial policy we mapped out for ourselves at the beginning, and which policy we have endeavored to faithfully follow. This policy was to deal fairly, justly and fearlessly with every question of public moment on which we saw, or thought we saw the general public desired, or needed enlightenment.

By this means, we have wounded the feelings of some friends unintentionally, but in no instance have we published one word of malice. We have uttered words of warning, have exploited several matters of mere or less personal interest, and may do so again, but through all our writings, we have all have observed that the main object sought by us, was the public good. That a majority do so look at it, is evidenced by our daily increasing subscription list, and other favors with which we are constantly meeting.

With this issue we more than round our fifth month of publication, and we take this opportunity to thank you all for present, and assurances of continued support. We will not disgrace your patronage, and expect to improve The People from week to week.

### WOLF, WOLF, BUT NO WOLF.

Not even a little yellow cur pup. The negro Aaron Williams, charged with rape was given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate McDowell on Tuesday morning, was safely remanded to jail, after which some idiot managed to get our officials into a clear case of "funk," with whispers of a probable attempt at lynching on Tuesday night. So rapidly did the report spread, and so religiously was it believed, that the upshot of the matter was, the prisoner was taken to the Penitentiary on Tuesday evening for safe keeping (save the mark) accompanied by the Sheriff and a file of twenty four soldiers, the latter going along we suppose for company.

This is another blot cast on the fair fame of Kershaw County, and that without shadow of excuse. In the first place there was not the ghost of reason in the lynching rumor. In the second, our jail is amply strong to protect any prisoner incarcerated there. In the third, we have a jailor of approved courage whom it would take a more courageous crowd of lynchors to face than could be gathered for this occasion. In the fourth, we have a sheriff who, we think would do his full duty in the premises. In the fifth, we have the guards who would like nothing better than to flesh their maiden swords in the defense of the honor of their county, and in the sixth, there is the great body of law-abiding citizens from the center to the borders, standing ready to answer the call of duty.

As matters stand we cannot help ourselves, but should such a causeless rumor again arise, and similar consequences seem imminent, we will, for one be one of a party to run down the author of the report and treat him to a handsome coat of tar and feathers.

We do not want to be placed on record as condemning every case of unlawful execution, but from what we can gather, this is not one of the instances where punishment by a mob would teach a lesson, and we do know that this offender will secure ample justice before the courts.

### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

It remains to be seen what effect it will have on the doings in 1908 if Senator Fairbanks delivers Indiana and Mr. Roosevelt fails to capture New York.

Colonel Bryan promises to spring a surprise on the St. Louis convention, but it is a safe wager that he does not propose the nomination of Cleveland.

Physicians who are studying the new disease caused by streptococcus should get in touch with the committee on credentials at the St. Louis convention.

"Officeholders and office-seekers were notably absent from the Chicago convention" says Senator Depew. There should be a law prohibiting a man of the Senator's age from going away from home without his spectacles.

The fear that Bryan would bolt the St. Louis convention has been supplanted by the fear that he won't.

The Japs call it a "sweeping victory," the Russians refer to it as a masterly retreat, and the investigation will probably show that it was a pipe dream.

Senator Depew has officially denied that he remarked, when he heard that the Republican ticket was to be Roosevelt and Fairbanks, "A bunch of frockcocks and a long stick of damp punk." Maybe he did not, but it is good even for Chauncey.

The Russian populace do not believe the reports of defeat. Some think them too bad and others too good to be true.

There is a disposition among some of the prominent Democrats to refrain from pledging their support until they make sure that their chances are not worth nursing.

Some finicky persons are now asserting that there is a difference between "an honest enforcement of the civil service," as mentioned in the Republican platform and "an enforcement of an honest civil service."

### Society Notes.

Quite a gay and informal gathering of the Clam took place last Friday evening at the home of Mr. Charles Shannon, Jr., to which many happy returns of the day, long life and prosperity to the host, who bore the honors thrust upon him with becoming fortitude, and also to enjoy a rare musical treat furnished by Misses Letia and Meta Boykin and Miss Nona Sanders who have recently graduated in music from Winthrop college and is considered one of the finest performers ever sent out from that noted institute.

Mrs. Charles J. Shannon, Jr., and Mrs. Nesbit will probably remain a month longer at Seawater, Tenn.

The Glorious Fourth was quite universally observed by the young people of the town, whose spirit of Independence took the form of a picnic day in the woods. A large party of the sociably inclined left on the 7 o'clock train for Providence, a dancing picnic being held there.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Boykin acted as chaperones to a number of young ladies and gentlemen, Miss Stringfellow and Miss Helen McIver, of Charleston, at present on a visit to Miss Letia and Letia Boykin, being among the party. Mr. Jack Boykin, of Charleston, who is visiting relatives here, also accompanied the picnicers.

Another party of young folks made Melberry their Mecca and enjoyed the day fishing, shooting and playing base ball.

Mr. Kennedy Burrows, of Sumter, is visiting Mr. A. D. Kennedy. The Acorn Club and several Matrons were invited to meet with Misses Lily and Florie DePass at their home on Rectory Square on Wednesday, in honor of Mrs. Hamilton DePass. Originality and genuine hospitality are always the keynote of all entertainments given by this popular household and all look forward to an afternoon of pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Clarke, formerly of Camden, now of Atlanta, are receiving the congratulations of their friends upon the advent of a fine son and heir. Mrs. Clarke is with her parents in Memphis, Tenn.

The sound of the hammer is heard on all sides of the Hill this summer. Mr. Coulter's cottage, Mrs. Miller Boykins house and that of Mr. Caleb Moore all being in the course of erection. Mr. Davis, of New York, will also build stables at Hobkirk Inn this summer for his own use next season.

### Picked Up at Random.

If there is no way by which a money shark can be compelled to lend money to a newspaper man, then we are in favor of putting the sharks out of business altogether.—Atlantat Journal.

Two big land companies, were commissioned by the secretary of state yesterday. The people back of the concern are Pittsburg capitalists, who have been in correspondence with the secretary of state for over a year. The first company is known as the Co-operative Land Co. of McClellanville, in Charleston county. The capital is \$300,000 and the petitioners are M. W. and C. W. Biggs, both of Pittsburg. The other was known as the Mathews Land Co., the same petitioners and the same capital, the concern to have headquarters at Tillman, in Hampton county.

The Carolina Kaolin works which company will work the clay beds of this county, has decided to increase its capital from \$200,000 to \$250,000, and yesterday filed a new charter with the secretary of state. The incorporators are M. Rich and W. B. Lawrence.—State.

Washington, June 29.—Acting Secretary Oliver of the war department has made the usual annual allotment of the \$1,000,000 appropriated by congress to provide arms and equipments for the organized militia of the United States. The money is apportioned to southern States as follows:

Alabama \$21,942; Arkansas \$17,952; Florida \$9,973; Georgia \$23,982; Kentucky \$25,992; Louisiana \$17,952; Mississippi \$19,947; North Carolina \$23,937; South Carolina \$17,952; Tennessee \$23,937; Texas \$35,905; Virginia \$23,937;

New York, June 30.—Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany hall, made a statement today as to his attitude with reference to the national Democratic convention. He said:

"I would like to say in view of the reports that I am booming a candidate for the national convention, that I am booming no candidate. I am instructed for Parker, but I have not changed from my original position. I still hold that Cleveland is the strongest man that can be nominated."

"Many delegates being instructed for Parker, how can they go to St. Louis and work for Cleveland?" Mr. Murphy was asked. "I am instructed for Parker," was the reply. That's all I have to say about it. "Is there any possibility that the Tammany delegation may be released from its instruction after the first ballot?" "I can't say anything as to that."

Bishopville, June 30.—The New Era, a weekly paper which is now being established here, failed to get ready in time to print the first issue on July 1, as was intended. This is due to some delay in the shipment of the outfit. However, the press and all the machinery arrived yesterday and every thing is being put in shape for work. Mr. H. A. Moses, the editor, says he hopes to get out the first issue next week. His compositors are here and will begin work as soon as the machinery is put in place.

Augusta Chronicle. You could do almost anything you want to at an Augusta baseball game. There's the preacher and the congregation—you could have service. There is the judge and the jury and the lawyers—you could hold court. There are the editors and reporters—you could get out a newspaper.

There are the young men and the beautiful girls—you could have a "party." There is the Democrat and the Republican you could have a difficulty. There is the umpire and the kicker—you could have a prize fight. There are the bleachers—you could have a town meeting.

Alleged Smallpox Cure. In the smallpox epidemic of 1871 Mother Gonzaga, matron of the St. Joseph's orphan asylum in Philadelphia, administered a specific which she declared not only made those taking it immune from smallpox, but was a cure for the disease. Mother Marie Josephas now connected with the same hospital, says that the mixture is still in use there. It consists of one grain of sulphate of zinc and one grain of foxglove, mixed with two tablespoonful of water. This again when thoroughly dissolved is added to four ounces of water and a teaspoonful taken every hour for 12 hours.

Main and DeKalb Streets are becoming forests of telegraph, telephone and electric light poles. Why is this thus. It strikes us that something should or could be done to make the disfigurement less glaring.

The meeting of the County Board was distinguished for the passage of a large number of bills, its patience in listening singly and as a body to the statement of a large and assorted number of facts by advocates of various court house schemes, and the unanimity with which they put away from them the unclean thing until their next meeting.

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PRESENTED BY D. P. MURCHISON, A CANDIDATE FOR Governor of Kershaw County. C U T. If Elected I will give special attention to cases of sudden death, so do not die suddenly until after my election. I earnestly solicit your support. Respectfully, D. P. C. Murchison. The above is a SPECIMEN OF CARDS we are getting out for CANDIDATES.

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