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SENATOR TILLMAN ON THE OUTLOOK

PASSED THROUGH NEWBERRY
YESTERDAY.

The Senator Loud in His Praise of
Parker's Statesmanlike Ad-
dress of Wednesday.

Senator B. R. Tillman passed through Newberry yesterday enroute for his home at Trenton after attending the meeting of the board of trustees of Clemson and the session of the Farmers' institute which met there this week. When seen on the train Senator Tillman said that the only business attended to by the Clemson board, outside of the regular routine work, was the creating of a new chair in the faculty of the institution, that of assistant professor of animal husbandry. He said that the increased number of students of agriculture and stock-farming made this addition to the faculty absolutely necessary. It is not yet known who will occupy this new position.

When questioned as to his opinion of Alton B. Parker's speech he said that it was a speech remarkable for its qualities of statesmanship and conservatism. He regarded Parker as strong, safe, and statesmanlike. He said that such a speech as Parker's should, and probably would, inspire confidence in the minds of all those who loved conservatism and that it had greatly strengthened Parker's position.

In speaking of the prospects for November Senator Tillman said that in his case the wish and desire might be the father of the opinion, but that nevertheless it was his honest opinion that Alton B. Parker would be the next president of the United States. When asked if Parker would carry New York he said that it would be absolutely necessary and in all probability would be accomplished. He said that the democrats would have to carry Connecticut, Delaware and many of the western states but he believed they would win in the end.

He said apart from Parker's own personal strength there were many other facts on which he based his opinion as to the outcome of the November election. He said that the personality of Mr. Roosevelt was so thoroughly obnoxious that it would go a great way in accomplishing his defeat in a campaign which was, or seemed to be, based on the personality of the chief executive.

The senator seemed to be in excellent health and his old throat trouble appeared not to trouble him at all.

PARKER IS HAPPY.

Well Pleased With The Effect of His
Speech of Wednesday.

Esopus, N. Y., August 11.—Judge Parker appeared blithe and happy today, in spite of the notification ordeal through which he passed yesterday. He was obviously happy and well-pleased with the impression created by his speech of acceptance, and the comments upon it made by his audience at the notification ceremony, and was convinced that the opposition press had failed to make adequate answer to his arguments.

Telegrams of congratulation came pouring in this morning and bid fair to rival the number of felicitations which Mr. Parker received upon his nomination.

Judge Parker spent the morning going over newspapers.

His letter of acceptance will probably not be issued until after Roosevelt's letter of acceptance. Parker's letter, it is said, will be for the greater part in the nature of an answer to Roosevelt's statements.

THE COUNTY CAMPAIGN

The Views of the Candidates as Ex-
pressed at Young's Grove
on Tuesday.

The county campaign meeting at Young's Grove, near Prosperity, on Tuesday, was attended by nearly five hundred people, including a number of ladies. The clouds were heavy during the morning, and the meeting was interrupted by rain during the afternoon. Messrs. J. W. Earhardt and J. W. Sanders, for the legislature, not getting an opportunity to speak.

The candidates had been requested in The Herald and News by citizens of Prosperity to express their views especially on the Brice Bill, and this question was given a good deal of attention by the candidates. The meeting passed off very pleasantly throughout, except for the interruption by the heavy rain during the afternoon.

County Chairman S. S. Cunningham presided during the morning and Mr. R. T. C. Hunter during the afternoon. The senatorial candidates were the first speakers.

Mr. Arthur Kibler took up the discussion of the Brice Bill. He opposed the tax feature of the Bill, with which the Bill finally passed, unless it was necessary for the enforcement of the law. The same power that made the dispensary ought to unmake it, and if a town was allowed to vote a dispensary in, it ought to be allowed to vote it out. He stood by his record in the legislature, when he voted for the Dorroh amendment, which provided that the one-half mill tax should not be levied unless the people of a county refused to enforce the law after the dispensary had been voted out. Mr. Kibler discussed taxation and education, taking the same position as at preceding meetings. In conclusion he wanted to refer to a personal matter. He wanted to deny the rumor that had been circulated in some quarters that there had been an understanding between himself and Mr. Mower. There had been no agreement between them.

Mr. Cole L. Blease first discussed taxation, which he considered the most important question before the people. He said the last legislature appropriated more than \$168,000 more than it made provision to raise and referred to mistakes whereby the franchise tax law and the dog tax law and other revenue laws did not become operative this year, as was evidently intended. The county levy this year was three mills, a half mill higher than last year. Did the people have better roads? Where was the good roads machinery? Part of it was at Sam Crotwell's, part of it was elsewhere, and the engine had been running a planing mill somewhere at 50 cents a day.

Mr. Blease then took up the educational question, favoring better common schools and southern books by southern authors. He favored cutting down the appropriations for higher institutions to an economical basis. He opposed compulsory education. He didn't want "free niggers" educated with white people's money.

The Brice Bill was a Trojan horse loaded with dynamite for the destruction of the dispensary, and nothing else. Mr. Blease read to his audience his interview in The Herald and News of this morning, in which he took a positive stand against both the original Brice Bill and the Brice Bill as it finally passed with the amendments. Brice himself, who had loaded this Trojan horse for the destruction of the dispensary, was a bitter enemy of the dispensary. Mr. Blease said he was a dispensary man from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet. He took up the Dorroh amendment, saying this amendment had left it to the govern-

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NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.

Combined Japanese Fleet Engaged
Russian Port Arthur
Squadron.

London, August 11.—A dispatch received by the Japanese legation this morning confirms the previous meagre dispatches reporting a sortie of the Russian fleet from Port Arthur and a subsequent naval engagement.

The dispatch to the legation states that various reports from Talienvan show that the Russian squadron emerged from Port Arthur yesterday morning. A serious naval engagement followed, continuing until sunset.

At dawn this morning the Russian battleship Retizan and another battleship of the Pobieda type appeared to be taking a straight course to Port Arthur.

Press dispatches reported that the Russian vessels escaped and that a sea fight was expected. The legation dispatch indicates that the Russian vessels did not reappear.

Tokio, August 11.—The net of the Japanese around Port Arthur is being drawn closer daily.

Heavy siege guns have been stationed in a new position, and the Japanese are now able to pour shells into the town and into the Russian vessels in the harbor. It is believed that this shelling of the ships in the harbor forced the sortie reported, which sortie brought about the naval battle outside the harbor.

Chefoo, August 11.—The report is current here this afternoon that the Japanese cruiser Kasagi was sunk in the naval battle which followed the sortie of the Russian fleet from Port Arthur.

Washington, D. C., August 11.—United States Minister Griscom, at Tokio, cables the state department under date of today, that it is officially announced there that the Russian squadron at Port Arthur emerged and that a battle ensued throughout the entire day with the combined Japanese fleet.

He says the result has not been ascertained.

WHAT VARDAMAN SAYS.

His Answer to the Charge of the
Postoffice Department.

Anderson, August 11.—Several days ago the editor of the Anderson Daily Mail wrote to Governor J. K. Vardaman, of Mississippi, and asked him about the truth of the assertion made by Postmaster General Payne, that Governor Vardaman had, while editor of a newspaper in Mississippi some years ago, published an editorial making a disrespectful allusion to Mrs. Roosevelt, the mother of the president.

The following letter has been received in reply:

"Executive Department," Jackson, Miss, August 6.—My Dear Sir: Your very kind favor of the 4th instant has been received. I had a copy of the Commonwealth you desire I would take great pleasure in sending it to you, but the files of the old paper are a hundred miles away. There was nothing in that editorial offensive to Mrs. Roosevelt or that reflected upon her in the least. I simply undertook, upon scientific grounds, an explanation of Teddy's degeneracy and general cussedness, without holding his ancestors responsible for it. I thought I owed it to his ancestors. Really I should be ashamed to charge the devil himself with the responsibility of the infamy of that distinguished accident. Sincerely and cordially,

J. K. Vardaman.

SENATOR VEST DEAD.

The Body Taken To St. Louis Last
Night—Interment Thursday

Sweet Springs, Mo., Aug. 10.—After lingering for weeks between life and death Former United States Senator G. G. Vest passed peacefully away yesterday. He had been so near death for the past three days that the end came without a struggle. He was conscious until 2 a. m. Sunday morning when he sank into a state of coma from which he never aroused.

He lost the power of speech Saturday morning and during the last 36 hours of his life his breathing was barely perceptible.

At the bed side when the end came was his wife, Dr. Jarvis, the family physician; Senator Vest's son, Alexander; his daughter, Mrs. George P. Jackson, and her husband; and Mrs. Thompson, a niece of Mrs. Vest.

The remains were taken to St. Louis last evening for interment.

Arrangements have been made to hold the funeral services this afternoon. The body will be taken at once to the cemetery after its arrival in St. Louis Thursday morning where brief services will be held at the grave.

THE POPULISTS.

Tom Watson's Fiery Speech in Lin-
coln, Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 11.—Thomas E. Watson and Thomas H. Tribbles opened the populist campaign here yesterday afternoon when the state convention met to nominate candidates. The Oliver theatre was filled, the anti-Parker element predominating strongly. Mr. Watson said this was the first part he had taken in politics in eight years but that the fires of populism still still burned fiercely within him. He said true populists would not be swayed from principle by mere results at the ballot box and after summarizing the tenets of his party, he declared:

"Such a creed can never die."
Mr. Watson scored both the old parties and ridiculed the republican national convention as a cut and dried affair. Of the democratic convention he said:

"It made its appeal to the Deity through a megaphone, and drafted its platform by telegraph."

His speech, which occupied nearly two and a half hours, was an indirect appeal against fusion, and he was frequently applauded.

The populist convention voted to select Watson and Tribbles electors regardless of any action taken by the democrats.

The question of fusion on the state ticket was then taken up and provoked a long and at times a bitter debate.

Cheap Rates via Southern.

On account of annual seashore excursion the Southern railway will sell on August 17th round trip tickets to Old Point Comfort, Ocean View, and Virginia Beach, and return, at rate of \$9.00, with final limit September 1st.

On account of Grand Fountain United Order Trade Reformers September 6-13, the Southern railway will sell round trip tickets to Richmond, Va., September 4, 5, 6, 7, with return limit September 15 at rate of one first-class fare plus 25 cents, for round trip.

On account of National Encampment Grand Army of Republic August 15-20 the Southern railway will sell round trip tickets to Boston (via all rail) at rate of \$22.80 and return. Date of sale, August 12, 13 and 14. Return trip, to leave Boston not earlier than August 16th nor later than August 20th, unless extension is secured.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FORMALLY NOTIFIED

ALTON B. PARKER'S ADMIR-
ABLE ADDRESS.

Ceremony Took Place at Parker's
Home at Esopus on
Wednesday.

Esopus, N. Y., August 10.—The worst rain Esopus has seen this summer marked the advent of notification morning. The streets of the village were deluged before daylight, and from the top of the hill on which Rosemount villa stands the water poured downward in torrents. At 11 o'clock the rain still fell steadily, thwarting the success of the function.

Judge Alton Brooks Parker, who was to be formally notified of his nomination for the presidency by the democratic party, was keenly disappointed at the outlook. He hoped to have a day of sunshine.

Party Arrives.

The yacht Sagamore, with Chairman Champ Clark and the members of the notification committee aboard was sighted from Rosemount at 1.09 this afternoon, and she immediately began saluting the democratic nominee.

The Sagamore was tied up at the dock at 1.15. The yacht was crowded with more than seven hundred visitors, and some difficulty was experienced in landing.

As the committeemen left the boat they formed in line by twos and walked up the slope to the villa. Judge Parker met them there and shook hands with each.

The rain had ceased and Judge Parker announced that the notification ceremonies would be held on the grounds.

The notification ceremonies began as soon as the committeemen reached the house.

Chairman Champ Clark began his notification speech at 1.26.

Mr. Clark's Address.

The notification address was delivered by Champ Clark, chairman of the committee appointed by the convention.

Mr. Clark said in part:
Judge Parker: The most momentous political performance known among men is the quadrennial election of an American president.

Out of the strong debates and profound deliberations of the St. Louis convention emerged a re-united party, which goes forth conquering and to conquer. The Flower of the Democracy assembled there to consult on the state of the country and to take measures for restoring the government to the principles enunciated by the fathers, from which it has drifted in these latter days.

Democratic principles are grounded in Eternal Truth. As formulated by the Father of Democracy, they are not for a day, but for all time, and are as applicable at this hour as when he proclaimed them in his first inaugural address, which has become a classic.

The necessity for putting them into practice is as pressing now as it was then. To once more make them the basis of our governmental policy is the pleasant but arduous task assigned you by the democracy of the land.

There was a splendid array of presidential candidates before the St. Louis convention supported by loyal friends and ardent admirers. An unusually large number of men were placed in nomination for the greatly-coveted honor.

You were chosen with such enthusiasm as foretells success. Having, on the only ballot, received the two thirds majority, indispensable by democratic usage, your nomination was