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AT THE DOOR

I thought myself, indeed, secure,
 So fast the door, so firm the lock;
 But, lo! he treading comes to lure
 My parrot ear with timorous knock.
 My heart were stone could it withstand
 The sweetness of my baby's plea—
 That timorous baby knocking and
 "Please let me in—it's only me."
 I threw aside the unfinished book,
 Regardless of its tempting charms,
 And, opening wide the door, I took
 My laughing darling in my arms.
 Who knows but in Eternity
 I, like a truant child, shall wait
 The glories of a life to be
 Beyond the Heavenly Father's gate!
 And will the Heavenly Father heed
 The truant's supplicating cry,
 As at the outer door I plead,
 "This I, O Father! only I!"
 Eugene Field.

PARKERS FIRST SPEECH

The Democratic editors after sloughing the rebel yell and enacting the battle song of the confederacy on the evening of Sept. 7th called upon their candidate Judge Parker, at his home the following morning to pledge him their hearty support. The fact that the same men who stood before him had a few hours before enthusiastically enunciated the rebel song Dixie and to give emphasis to their feelings jumped to their feet and uproarously shouted the rebel yell as the confederate soldiers shouted it when charging the Union forces and slaughtering loyal citizens seemed not to disturb the Democratic candidate in the least. After thanking these same men for their assurance of their hearty support and energetic work for his election Judge Parker proceeded to read to them his first speech of the campaign.

So this carefully prepared and deliberately read speech was intended to be authorizing instruction to the ten thousand Democratic editors in the United States as to the line along which they will be expected to work during the campaign it will be widely read. But to the average citizen the speech is a disappointment in that it gives no information as to what Judge Parker does really believe or what he proposes to do if elected. It is a master piece of noncommittal verbiage. He tells the editors that there are questions of great importance to be placed upon the people in November, questions that it will be your duty and therefore, I am sure your pleasure as well to present honestly and so clearly that the people will understand them "I shall not take up your time, however with any reference to the great issues upon which our party through its platform and candidates confidentially appeals to the people for endorsement." The only line he gave the Democratic editors to work upon was to compare the administration of Roosevelt with the two terms of President Cleveland to commend Cleveland and denounce Roosevelt. The Republicans hoped the Democrats, press will follow this case. The sweet old tune of Dixie nor the ferocity of the rebel yell will not make the people forget the hard times of Cleveland second administration where the Democratic had full control of the executive department and both houses of Congress.

Democratic hopes were again slightly shattered by the returns of the Maine election. They anticipated a republican majority of about 15,000 but were not prepared for 33,000.

La Grande has a knitting factory and is selling goods in Pendleton. This factory employs three dozen men and women and seems to be a success. What would a similar institution be worth in Pendleton?—Pendleton Tribune.

President Roosevelt in his letter of acceptance has set a pace that will bring out Mr Parkers very best effort. The democratic party and managers have been very desirous that Mr Parker say something that would electrify the country and throw enthusiasm into the campaign and if he fails to embrace the opportunity there will be great disappointment.

Richard Harding Davis having abandoned the Japanese army to fight its battles without his assistance because the commanders would not allow him to get closer than four miles to the scene of hostilities a truce may be expected at any day. It is incomprehensible to Mr Davis that any army could hope to win out without his moral co-operation. Capital News.

In The District Court of The United States for The District of Oregon.

Notice of first meeting of Creditors.
 To the Creditors of Mary M. Caldwell, of Elgin, in the county of Union, state of Oregon, Bankrupt:—
 Notice is hereby given, That on the first day of September, 1904, the said Mary M. Caldwell was duly adjudicated a Bankrupt, and that the first Meeting of the Creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned, in La Grande, Oregon, on Monday, September 19th, 1904, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at which time and place said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a Trustee, examine the Bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. Twenty five cents must accompany each claim filed.
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 U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon August 11, 1904.
 Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as amended by the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, David C. Menden, of Dexter, county of Wood, State of Wisconsin has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1160, for the purchase of the SE 1/4 SW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4 and Lots 1 and 2 of section No. 7 in Township No. 5 South Range No. 33 E. W. M.
 A bid will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or more than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 20th day of October, 1904.
 His names as witnesses: Ralph H. Bull, W. Henry Brown, of Dexter, Wisconsin; Leonard C. Smith, of Perry, Oregon; and Edward Dean, of La Grande, Oregon.
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CHORUS
 The old-fashioned washboard; The zinc-covered washboard; The back-breaking washboard that stood in the tub. Some folks always kick about up to date laundries, And say they wear out their clothes every day; But give them to me, as I will have a hot dinner At home, with the aid of the soap and away. I know that the washing machine is much easier On all of our clothes than to take them and rub. Till the buttons and buttons are lost and worn out By the old-fashioned washboard that stood in the tub. We are not the old-fashioned kind.

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