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## BLAME TRUSTS ON ROOSEVELT

**JUDGE PARKER SAYS ROOSEVELT WAS TOO EXPENSIVE.**

In a Lengthy Attack on the Present Administration, Judge Alton Parker Blames the Existence of Trusts to the Republican Party—Says Impractical Offices Were Maintained by Roosevelt—Intimates Teddy's Crusade Was a Coincidence.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 16.—Judge Alton B. Parker, former democratic candidate for president, in addressing the democratic state convention today, declared that since Roosevelt has been president, the country has been burdened with the addition of 99,000 federal office holders at an annual cost of \$75,000,000. He said the republicans are building up and making trusts possible. That the benefits from the high protective tariff are furnishing the campaign funds.

He discussed the appropriations by congress, which, he said, were enormous and way out of proportion to the situation, and that Taft admitted a majority of the trusts had arisen during the last 10 years, during the republican administration and under republican control. He continued:

"It may have been a coincidence, but the president's crusade against predatory wealth burst upon the people at a time when their attention was focussed upon the corrupt relations between the republican party and the moneyed interests. It is not too much to say that the highest duty of the hour is to make a continuance of these relations impossible."

**Magazines In.**  
October Munseys, Cavaliers and Scrap Books at Ferguson's

**About for Days.**  
Bellingham, Sept. 16.—Famished, almost dead from exposure and drifting helplessly four days and three nights in a water-logged launch in the turbulent tides of the gulf of Georgia, James Staples was picked up today by Captain J. Cookson, of the tug boat Nellie. Wild-eyed and craving water, he was a pitiful sight. He has not tasted food since Saturday morning.

## MONOPOLY MAN IS OVERWHELMED

### MINNESOTA SCALPS CANNON SUPPORTER AND TRUST DEFENDER

Luluth, Minn., Sept. 16.—Today's returns from the primary election of yesterday show Congressman J. Adam Bede of the Eighth district, was snowed under in an avalanche of votes for Clarence B. Miller, his opponent for the republican nomination.

Bede was defeated because he endorsed Speaker J. G. Cannon's policy. His alleged neglect of the district and alleged defense of the paper trust and other monopolies were also issues.

President Sam Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, spoke against Bede with telling effect.

"They got me," said Bede today. "Now I will go back to the farm and my country paper. May God have mercy on Cannon's soul."

Bede has served in two congresses. Before his appearance in that department of the government service he officiated as United States marshal in Minnesota.

## MAY ABANDON TWO OLD BRIDGES OVER THE GRANDE RONDE RIVER

**COUNTY COURT HITS UPON PLAN TO SAVE THE COUNTY TAXPAYERS ABOUT THREE THOUSAND.**

By Diverting Course of the River Slightly and Blasting Through Small Obstruction of Rock, the Loop in the County Road That Crosses the River Below Perry, Can Be Abandoned—Would Be Big Saving, as No Subsequent Repairs Would Be Needed—Must Do Something at Once, Say Officials—Present Bridges Are Not Safe.

A proposition is now under consideration by County Judge Henry and others, that will, if carried out, mean a pecuniary saving to the county of approximately three thousand dollars, and incidentally eliminate further large outlays to maintain a county road up the Grande Ronde river.

Following out the new scheme inaugurated recently to save lucrative sums

## PREACHER ABHOR NEW-STYLE HATS

### FASHIONABLE SEATTLE CHURCHGOERS SLAPPED BY PREACHER

Seattle, Sept. 16.—Communicants in the fashionable St. Mark's Episcopal church, are today wondering if Rev. J. P. D. Lloyd insinuated he is tired of women in his congregation who wear "Merry Widow" hats. He said at last night's men's meeting:

"If there is anything I hate to see when I get up to deliver a sermon on Sunday mornings, is the great sea of Merry Widow hats and here and there a bald head. When I go to the theater I see a sea of bald heads and no Merry Widow hats."

## TAFT WILL NOT COME TO COAST

**HIS SPEECH-MAKING ITINERARY AS ADOPTED ENDS AT KANSAS**

## WRIGHTS STAND AS CHAMPIONS

### TWO AMERICAN NAVIGATORS TOGETHER HOLD WORLD'S MARKS

Lemans, France, Sept. 16.—Wilbur Wright, the American, today sailed for 29 minutes and 19 seconds in his aeroplane at the rate of 46 miles an hour, thus dividing honors with his brother Orville, who made a remarkable flight in America recently.

Orville Wright holds the record for duration of flight, and is second for speed. Wilbur holds the record for speed and is second for duration. The Wrights are now the undisputed champions of aerial navigation in machines of the heavier than air type.

**Balloon Wrecked.**  
Berlin, Sept. 16.—The great dirigible balloon Parseval was wrecked today en route to Potsdam, where it was to be inspected by the emperor and empress. A rod broke and ripped a hole in the gas bag. The balloon quickly collapsed, landing on a roof in the villa in Grunewald forest.

**Catholic Games.**  
Rome, Sept. 16.—It has been definitely decided that the first events in the Papal Jubilee international athletic competition will be decided a week from today. The carnival of sports will continue until September 28. Many famous European athletes are already in training here, and entries are expected from the United States and Canada. Only Catholic athletes will participate and the games will be under the direct patronage of Pope Pius.

**Bryan in Newburgh.**  
Newburgh, N. Y., Sept. 16.—Bryan arrived here today. He received a big delegation of citizens at the depot and was escorted to the headquarters, where he spoke.

**Profits Are Less.**  
Chicago, Sept. 16.—That the big Chicago mail order houses were hard hit by the recent hard times is shown by the annual report of Sears, Roebuck & Co., the largest concern of its kind in the world. The net profits for the last year fell short over a million dollars from the preceding year, and there was a falling off of almost 20 per cent in net sales. A "home industry" crusade has been carried on by local newspapers throughout the central west during the last year or two, and it is possible that this movement, as well as the hard times may have had its influence upon the mail trade.

The report shows that the company's net sales amounted to \$40,843,866, or \$9,878,973 less than those for the previous year.

## RODNEY GUILTY OF BOOTLEGGING

**WILL HEAR SENTENCE PRONOUNCED TOMORROW.**

Another Conviction Wrought by Local Authorities in Fight Against Selling Liquor Here—Rodney Arrested Last Night and Pleads Not Guilty Today—Has No Attorney—A Conclusion of Hearing Court Finds Defendant Guilty.

Aleck Rodney, who was arrested last night, is the latest victim to be found guilty of selling liquor contrary to the local option law adopted by a tremendous majority at the last June election. Rodney entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned before Justice Stewart, but declined to look after his interest, and depended upon his own testimony to clear him. Mike McDowell swore that he purchased a bottle of liquor from Rodney. Rodney swore he did not, but the other circumstances were so strong that Justice Stewart found him guilty and suspended sentence until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The circumstantial evidence was in accordance with the facts as stated yesterday evening relative to the arrest and conviction of McDowell. The two 16-year-old boys who were in the line-up in front of the land office, in reply to a remark by McDowell that he was "mighty dry" and wished he had some whisky, the boys advanced the statement that this man Rodney had told them that he was getting all the whisky he wanted. A few moments later the boys saw McDowell and Rodney talking together and still a little later McDowell came around to the boys and invited them to have a drink out of a bottle.

At the trial this forenoon McDowell swore he got the bottle of whisky from Rodney. Any fair-minded jury in the land would convict under such evidence and Justice Stewart was not long in pronouncing the defendant guilty.

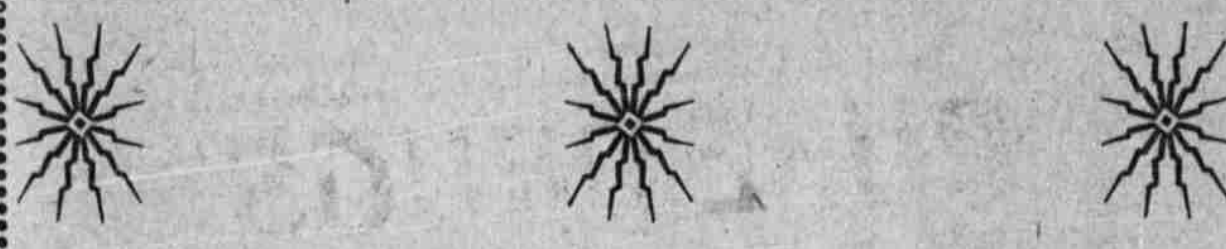
**Insist on Retiring Stewart.**  
Washington, Sept. 16.—It was announced today that the war department will soon order Colonel Stewart, now in exile at Fort Grant, to appear before the retiring board, and be given a strict medical examination. If he is unfit, retirement will be made compulsory.

**Livestock Breeders.**  
Louisville, Ky., Sept. 16.—Kentucky breeders of sheep and swine assembled today at the State fair and will hold separate conventions, devoted to consideration of methods of improving the livestock industry in the Blue Grass state.

## Ladies Week at the FAIR

**THIS Week we intend to reduce all Ladies Wear to the Price that should interest every Lady to join in and reap a harvest of Bargains. Below we quote a few of the many.**

**Also we have just received another large shipment of Ladies new Suits and Cloaks. We are now showing the most complete line of millinery in the city.**



\$4.00 Heatherbloom Underskirts, this week, each..... \$2.95	\$3.50 and \$4.00 odds and ends of ladies' Shoes, a pair..... \$2.95	\$2.00 to \$2.50 ladies' Nainsook night robes; special, each..... \$1.57	\$1.75 ladies' Union Underwear, this week, the suit..... \$1.19
25c ladies' fast black Hose, this week, a pair..... 19c	\$3.50 to \$4.00 ladies' Shirts-waists, special, each \$2.69	\$1.75 and \$2.00 Bedspreads full 19-4 size, special, each..... \$1.48	\$1.00 and \$1.25 odds and ends of Corset Covers, special this week, each..... 69c
\$1.50 ladies' muslin drawers, special, a pair..... 98c	12 1/2c Chambrey remnants, special, this week, per yard..... 7 1/2c Limit: 10 yds to customer.	\$1.75 and \$2.00 ladies' mercerized black sateen Skirts, this week, each..... \$1.19	\$1.50 to \$1.75 misses' Shoes, special this week, a pair..... \$1.19

\$1.25 odds and ends of ladies' ribbed Underwear, this week, a garment 69c

**The Fair DEPARTMENT STORE**

\$3.50 to \$4.00 ladies' Muslin Skirts, slightly soiled; while they last, each \$2.89

## ENORMOUS CROWD THRONGS PORTAL

**ALL RECORDS BEING BROKEN AT SALEM FAIR GROUNDS TODAY**

Salem, Sept. 16.—A record-breaking attendance was at the State fair here today which has been designated as "Salem Day." It is predicted 22,000 will pass through the gates before the end of the day according to early figures.

Last year "Portland Day" brought 16,000. Tomorrow is "Portland Day," this year, and 30,000 are expected. The attendance is breaking all former records.

## PURE DRUGS

**The Exact Kind That the Doctor Ordered**

Our Prescription department is organized along modern lines and our reputation is sufficient guarantee as to care and quality

**HILL'S DRUG STORE**  
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