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JUDGE PARKER'S LETTER.

The PLAINEALER today presents to its readers the full text of Judge Parker's letter of acceptance which contains about the same number of words as President Roosevelt's recent letter of acceptance. However, there is a vast difference in the two great documents, Roosevelt's letter being a great exposition of republican principles, original, forcible, logical and practical. The issues before the people today were all treated in a clear, concise manner and no doubt was left in the minds of the people after perusing the document as to where the President stands on this or that important question. There was no hedging or theorizing, but there was a review of the past great achievements of the administration and the Republican party, introduced as conclusive evidence to the effect that the Republican party does things—that is a party of action, of progress,—that in the platform of 1904 whatever is promised will be fulfilled, carried out to a letter.

On the other hand, read as careful as you may and you will find little to interest, instruct or to enthuse over in Judge Parker's letter. It will not satisfy or be accepted by a great majority of Democrats and will have no bearing on Republicans other than to again diminish their estimate of the qualifications and fitness of the man the Democrats have selected to occupy the highest office within the gift of the people of this country. There is no exploitation of new or original ideas, recommendations or theories to be found in the Judge's laborious letter. It is staid, stoic and wearisome, promulgating neither the new, nor the old Jeffersonian principles of Democracy.

He takes up the question of "Imperialism" as if there were any seriousness to the idea that this government were in danger of anything of the kind. The talk is the veriest rot, and Parker and everyone else that talks it is satisfied that it is. Then why talk it?
He states again the old Democratic doctrine of a "Tariff for Revenue Only" as opposed to the Republican doctrine of protection. Yet he admits that it would not be wise to return to the Democratic doctrine suddenly, but that the present system would have to be continued, if in the interest of the country.

His demand for reciprocity calls up the natural question if the Democrats were so anxious for reciprocity why did they not vote with such Republicans in Congress as wanted reciprocity a few years ago when reciprocity treaties were pending? His talk of the centralization of the national government is fully in keeping with the talk of his party forty-five and fifty years ago.
Mr. Parker also finds fault with our present foreign relations, and national expense account, but offers not one remedial suggestion. The only other point in his letter that is important is his demand for unqualified independence for the Filipinos. He wants them set up as a full fledged republic, the same as Cuba was. But he shows his predilection to get on the Republican platform by adding, "as soon as they are reasonably prepared for it." Judge Parker is not destined to become the Moses of the Democratic party.

In his Portland speech Eugene V. Debs said, "Parker is Wall street's candidate, Fairbanks is a plutocrat and Henry Gassaway Davis was a slave driver before the war and has been a white slave driver ever since." However, he seemed to have little to say against President Roosevelt.

Ever hear of a Democrat asking for support on account of his party's record?

TELEGRAM'S SPECIAL EDITION.

The Lewis and Clark Centennial Edition of the Portland Evening Telegram made its appearance Tuesday, September 27. It comprises fifty-two pages, replete with valuable historical matter, relative to the great expedition it commemorates, as well as a comprehensive presentation of Oregon and its wonderful progress and development since its organization as a territory. It contains a grand double page view of the Lewis and Clark Exposition grounds at Portland as they will appear when ready for the opening ceremonies next June, and scores of other fine illustrations and half tone prints of Oregon cities, scenery and industries. Taken altogether it is probably the most elaborate and best compiled special newspaper edition ever published in the Pacific Northwest.

"FLOWER OF THE UMPQUA."

Regarding the Grants Pass meeting of the Oregon Development League the Ashland Tribune said: "The convention of the Oregon Development League held at Grants Pass demonstrated that Southern Oregon is awake to the possibilities of organized exploitations of her unrivalled resources. Fully 200 delegates were present and enthusiasm was unbounded. Ashland, Jacksonville, Medford and Gold Hill was well represented while Roseburg, the flower of the Umpqua Valley, set the pace for her sister cities by turning out 72 delegates. They came in their own car and made some of the representatives of other towns ashamed of their small turnout. D. S. K. Buick, the patriarch of the delegation, was presented with a beautiful watch charm by the Roseburg delegates in recognition of his activity in working for Douglas county. He has always been known as one of the most progressive citizens of that portion of the state."

LETTER WAS A FICTION.

The alleged forgery of the president's signature to a magazine article printed in Denver, which reflects on the Chicago meat strikers, has created a stir in political circles. The source of the letter was explained Wednesday when the Evening Post printed the letter and an introductory paragraph which appeared in its editorial columns August 1. The caption and the introductory paragraph which explains and justifies the letter says: "Roosevelt to Donnelly. The following letter is one which President Roosevelt might have written with much advantage to himself and his country." The letter then follows. The letter was reprinted in several western papers as a genuine letter from the president to Mr. Donnelly.

THE PRIMARY LAW.

Attorney General Crawford seems to have cleared up the middle over the direct primary law by declaring that its provisions do not go into effect until 1906. This permits cities of 2000 and upward to select mayor and councilmen for the coming year in the same old way, unless the legislature makes the new law apply for the Spring election.

A New York theatrical manager is quoted as saying, upon organizing a new chorus company and placing an ad for chorus girls in the daily papers, that he forthwith had 3000 applications for positions. "Oh, me, oh, my!" he exclaimed as he peered through a crack in the door of his private office into the reception room, which was dazzling in its kaleidoscopic dress goods effect, the air heavy with musk. "Really, you know, I had no idea there were so many chorus girls in the world. Do you know that 3000 have applied for positions? Three thousand—out of work, mind you. I wonder how many there are at work. But I am very careful. A fine figure, a fine voice and a beautiful face—that is the ideal chorus girl. A plain looking girl with a good voice might just as well go to dressmaking. A beautiful girl with a plain voice had better do likewise. Our best chorus girls come from the far and middle west. There is more room out there for their figures to expand and develop. You do pretty well in the east but the west does better. But now to business. Bring in the ladies."

Marion County has purchased a quarry of traprock for road building purposes, and has a rock crusher at work in it says the Oregonian. The county will crush all the rock that the farmers will haul upon the roads, and the outlook is good for some first-class road building in the vicinity of the quarry near Salem. In a few years we shall hear that homeseekers coming to Oregon from the east are willing to pay extraordinary prices for land adjacent to these rock-surfaced roads that are hard and smooth twelve months in the year. The property owner who looks well after his own interests is a believer in good roads and is willing to make the investment necessary to secure them.

UNIONS DISSOLVE.

Hundred Thousand Men Refuse to Pay Further Dues.

WOOD DIES SUDDENLY.

Was Grand Commander of Indian War Veterans Association.

CHICAGO, Sept. 28.—A sensation was caused today by the announcement that 100,000 members of the labor unions had ceased to pay their dues. In an interview Barney Cohen, president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, said that the union forces in the state was rapidly disintegrating, and, unless reorganized, the destructions of the unions will speedily follow. He blames unwise leadership, political grafters and untimely strikes for the present crisis. He says the unions must reorganize on a sounder basis, and adopt methods now being used by employers' associations and citizens' alliances.

T. A. WOOD DEAD.
PORTLAND, Sept. 28.—Thomas Alexander Wood, grand commander of the Indian War Veterans' Association of Oregon, died of heart disease at his home in the Waverly tract, East Side, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. It was a brief illness that ended Mr. Wood's life of 67 years. Yesterday morning at 4 o'clock Mr. Wood was taken sick. Arousing his wife, he said: "I believe I am dying." A physician was called, but he continued to grow worse until death came late in the day.

Up to the time he was seized by the last effort of the malady which had been growing on him, Mr. Wood appeared in his usual good health, and had attended daily to his office affairs.

Report for October.
The following data, covering a period of 27 years, have been compiled from the Weather Bureau records at Roseburg, Oregon. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed, during the month in question, for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month.

Month, Oct. for 27 years.
TEMPERATURE.
Mean of normal temperature, 53 deg.
The warmest month was that of 1891, with an average of 58 deg.
The coldest month was that of 1881, with an average of 48 deg.
The highest temperature was 91 deg. on 1st, 1885.
The lowest temperature was 22 deg. on 14th, 1881.

The earliest date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, Oct. 9.
Average date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, Oct. 30.
Average date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, April 15.
The latest date on which "killing" frost occurred in spring, May 16.

PRECIPITATION (RAIN OR MELTED SNOW).
Average for the month, 2.67 inches.
Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 12.
The greatest monthly precipitation was 5.90 inches in 1881.
The least monthly precipitation was 0.00 inches in 1885.
The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 1.43 inches on 29th 1888.

The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1884-85 only) was 0 inches on—
CLOUDS AND WEATHER.
Average number of clear days, 9; partly cloudy days, 13; cloudy days, 9.
WIND.
The prevailing winds have been from the northwest.
The average hourly velocity of the wind is 2.4 miles.
The highest velocity of the wind was 28 miles from the southwest on 4, 1879.
Station: Roseburg, Oregon, Sept. 28, 1904.
THOS. GIBSON,
Weather Bureau.

In its comments upon the prospect for the erection of a large hotel on the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds, the Oregonian says it is proposed to build one with a larger capacity than the Inside Inn at St. Louis, which, it is added, has 1,000 rooms. But the Inside Inn has 2,357 rooms and covers more than eight acres of ground. It is not likely that such a building as this will be provided in Portland, nor that it will be needed.

Hood River's fame as a fruit growing center is spreading and deepening.

The reunion of the Southern Oregon Soldiers and Sailors, held last week at Jacksonville, was a grand success, having a larger enrollment this year than ever before.

The people of Jacksonville have been treating the boys royally, furnishing amusements and winding up with a big dinner yesterday.

Senator C. W. Fulton delivered an inspiring address Thursday afternoon.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Commander, E. M. Nealon of Table Rock; Lieut. Commander, Ed E. White of Ashland; Major, A. J. T. Smith of Gold Hill; Chaplain, George L. Evans, of Grants Pass; Quartermaster, Mrs. Mary E. Hildreth of Grants Pass; Adjutant, T. E. Hills of Ashland.

Grants Pass was selected as the place for next year's encampment.

Fire at Dawson City destroyed property valued at \$2,000,000. The Coel Hotel was badly damaged and the guests had to leap from the windows to save themselves.

A Tale of the Umpqua.

By Aldon Harness.

When Redmen held their ancient reign
In Oregon long years ago,
When over mountains, hill and plain,
In bands they wandered to and fro,
One evening, where the Umpqua, blue,
Down thro' a fertile valley pours,
Three warriors in a light canoe
Rowed up the stream with muffled oars,
Thro' broken clouds the full moon shone
And tipped with silver each dark wave
Until was seen each jutting stone,
Which lapsing waters ever lave,
And soft and clear her light was thrown
Upon each swiftly moving brave,
With eagle plumes and war-paint on,
And rugged features stern and grave,
They leave behind the valley fair;
Light breezes fan each heated brow,
When, lo! they check their wild career,
And listen, closely listen now.
Sweet as the melody one hears
Breathless softly in a lulling dream,
A strain of music to their ears
Is gently wafted down the stream.
Now, on they glide; o'er waters clear
The music comes to them no more,
Again they pause. They faintly hear
The sound of voices on the shore,
Then thro' the fir trees tall and grand,
The gleaming of a fire they see.
They quickly turn and row to land
Each with his rifle on his knee.
As clouds pass o'er the moon's bright beam,
They creep thro' grasses wet with dew
Until a wagon and a team,
And people round a fire they view.
The man, his wife and children dear
Sit near their tent of canvas thin;
One fair young girl with golden hair,
Holds in her hands a violin.
The pithy knots burn clear and bright,
And fast the blazes upward run.
At father, mother in the light
Each warrior points his deadly gun,
Then takes his aim with eyes aglow,
As thirst for blood pervades his heart,
Just as the maiden draws her bow
Across the strings with skillful art.
The longings of her heart she pours
Thro' music on the zephyr blast.
Inspired she plays for hours and hours,
And as her strains bring peace and rest
The warriors gaze with softening eyes,
And on the ground their rifles lay,
Now, as she ceases, they arise,
And in the darkness steal away.
Roseburg, Or., Sept. 26, 1904.

Canyonville.
W. F. Harris is on the sick list.
H. J. Wilson returned Tuesday from a trip to Corvallis, and has been sick most of the time since.
W. J. Cockerell returned Saturday from Leland, and will move to the old Briggs place and engage in stock-raising.

Miss Ethel Sanders, of Riddle, is visiting Miss Sallie Weaver.
Work will commence Monday on Wilson & Levin's new store building. The foundation is now ready.
Miss Susie Hopkins visited in town several days last week.
Dr. DeVore was called to Elk Creek Friday to attend Anderson Bullock's little child, which is quite sick.
Mrs. Fred McIntyre has gone to Grants Pass to join her husband who is employed at that place.

E. O. Pierce, formerly of this place, is now at Sisson, Calif.
We learn that Mr. Isaac Bailey has purchased property at Glendale and will soon move there to reside.
Bernard DeVore and Roy Pardee left last week for Sutter City, Calif.
A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Benton is visiting them. Her home is in Washington.
AMICUS.

Unparalleled Naval Accident.
CHELTENHAM, England, Sept. 27.—A telegram from Cephalonia, in the Ionian sea, was received this forenoon, announcing the loss of the British torpedo-boat destroyer Chamois, which has been conducting speed trials off Cape Papar. Although many of the crew were injured, all were saved.
The loss of the destroyer was so quick that the crew had barely time to escape. While running at full speed she cast a propeller blade with such force that it was thrown entirely through the vessel's hull.
The report received here says that a great portion of the destroyer's crew who at that time happened to be near the stern of the boat was injured by flying timbers and pieces of broken machinery.
Through the gaping hole in the riddled hull the water burst in a stream, and the destroyer broached at the stern, and in a few minutes disappeared beneath the waves.

Officers of the admiralty bureau are at loss to explain the accident, inasmuch as it is one of the most singular in naval annals. The casting of a blade or unshipping of a propeller at high speed are accidents of a common nature, but the perforating of a hull in such a destructive way is nearly unknown.
Mrs. J. H. Booth and children have returned home from a visit with relatives at Grants Pass.

HOLDING CONSULS.

French and German Attaches Detained at Port Arthur.

JAPS WASTING BULLETS.

Stoessel Says Port Arthur Can Hold Out Six Months.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 28.—Mrs. T. Kistchenko, who has arrived at Chefoo from Port Arthur, says that the missing French and German attaches had much trouble with the authorities at Port Arthur before leaving, on account of their intimate knowledge of the conditions of the town and fortress. The lady thinks that it is probable the attaches have been captured, and held as Russian prisoners at Port Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 28.—General Kuropatkin, in replying to the affectionate letter from the czar, expressed his unreserved approval of the appointment of General Grippedog to command the second Manchurian army.

ROME, Sept. 28.—A Chefoo dispatch states that General Stoessel has written to a friend there that the Japanese are wasting ammunition and lives in attempting to take the stronghold. He expressed the belief that Port Arthur could hold out for six months longer.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 28.—The czar, accompanied by Grand Duke Michael, left Odessa for other Southern Russian towns today to review troops about to depart for the Far East.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 28.—It is expected that the battle of Mukden will occur to the east and northeast of the city, between Foo Choo and Sin King. The Japanese are marching toward the former point along the good roads from Yen Tai. The Russians have a front 24 versts in length between the Liao river and a point north of Sin King. General Kuropatkin's main body was in the vicinity of Yen Tai Saturday last.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 28.—General Kuropatkin reports today as follows: "The Japanese vanguard remains in the same position east of the railway. Small offensive parties have been repulsed by the Russian cavalry. The Japs are concentrated at the Yentai mines, and pontoons are being built. At Ben Tsai Putzu several skirmishes have occurred, in which a number of cattle and horses were captured."

LONDON, Sept. 28.—The Vladivostok correspondent of the Central News reports that two Japanese torpedo boats and one Japanese steamer have been sunk by mines near Port Arthur in the last few days. A cruiser of the Nittaska type is said to have been seriously damaged in a like manner.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 28.—Gen. Kuropatkin reports that the Cossacks during last night attacked a Japanese camp. The Japanese were thrown into a panic. The Cossacks also ambushed half a squadron of Japanese, who sustained a considerable loss.

ROME, Sept. 28.—The Russian embassy today issued an authoritative statement denying that mediation was contemplated between the belligerents. The announcement states that the real fighting will not have commenced before the end of October.

Russian Losses Great.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 27.—Unconfirmed reports received today place the Russian losses at Port Arthur on Sept. 15 at 110 killed and 3000 wounded. Between Sept. 15 and 22 the losses were 5500 killed and wounded. The number of available defenders at Port Arthur is now estimated at 80,000.

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