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A BOOM FOR PARKER.

Slowly but surely the democratic seekers after a leader are coming round to the conclusion that the only available man in sight is Judge Alton B. Parker of New York.

The aspirations of Pattison, Tom Johnson, David Bennett Hill and Gorman appear to have been crushed by the recent elections. Olney still has a considerable following, but it is not strongly led and is not likely to have much weight with the convention.

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The boom for Parker is not a sudden growth. It is in no sense due to a spontaneous desire on the part of the democratic rank and file to have him lead them in the coming contest.

The cause of the boom for him is then to be sought elsewhere than among the ranks of the democratic masses. In fact, it has been carefully worked up by some of the ablest leaders of the party.

The program of the Parker men is to exclude the money question from the platform and make the fight for tariff reform and restriction of trusts, to make such a fight with any prospect of success they need a candidate who has a sound and conservative record, but at the same time one who will not alienate the extreme free silver men.

In the meantime a curious report comes that Bryan and the western men will join with the New Englanders in support of Olney for the sake of beating New York and the south.

candidate. The essential weakness of that movement, however, is patent from the fact that Mr. Olney has repeatedly declared that he is not a candidate. So long as he holds back his followers can hardly hope to do more than to serve as a brake on the Parker boom.

There has arrived in this city a young woman who comes in quest of a husband, says the Tacoma Ledger. The reason for this is that somebody, under the impression that he was playing a practical joke, caused to be printed the information that 500 young men in Tacoma needed wives and were anxious to secure these among respectable working girls of the east.

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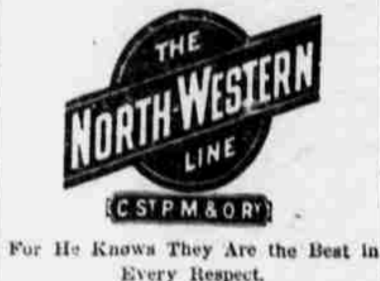
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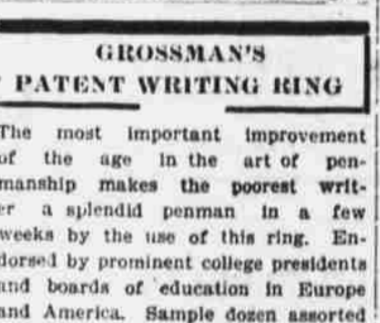
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Now, unless you appear on or before the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1903, and show cause why such application shall not be granted the same will be taken as confessed, and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the application, and you will be forever barred from disputing the same.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Clatsop county, this 19th day of January, A. D. 1903.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, Jan. 5, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 2, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892,

of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 6695, for the purchase of the southeast 1-4 of the southeast 1-4 of section 32 and west 1-2 of southwest 1-4 and so 1-1 of sw 1-4 of section No. 21, in township 5 n, range No. 9 w of W. M. and will offer proof to show that the land sought is "more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1903.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 6th day of April, 1903.

LAND OFFICE at Oregon City, Oregon, January 3, 1903. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Oregon City, Ore., on February 26, 1903, viz:

THOMAS E. DWIER, H. E. No. 13,953, for the southeast quarter section 11, township 5 north, range 10 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Vollmer, Bartholomew J. Burke, Chas. Hanson and James T. Burke, all of Seaside, Oregon.