

PARKER NEVER YET BEATEN AT POLLS

Remarkable Record of the Chief Judge of the Supreme Court Whom the Democrats Have Nominated for President.

Special Dispatch to The Journal. New York, July 2.—Here is a Democrat who has never been beaten at the polls. His name is Parker—Alton B. Parker—full name, Alton Brooks Parker. He was 27 years old last May 24. He is chief judge of the court of appeals, the highest court in the state of New York, whose decisions are keenly studied by lawyers and judges in all the other states in the union. Chief Judge Parker was elected to the highest seat in the highest court of the state November 2, 1897, for a term of 14 years. He has yet 10 years to serve. Parker during the fierce Democratic factional strife of 1896 and 1890 was prevented by the judicial robes of his office from participating in them. In 1886 he was one of the six justices of the supreme court for the third judicial district of the state. In 1897 he was elected chief judge of the court of appeals and thus in the national battle of 1890 he was again compelled to regard the intrigues of the Democratic faction in the factious bitterness of the campaign.

Judge Parker would attract attention even in a throng of notable men. He is 5 feet 10 inches in height, substantially proportioned and handsome. His hair is of a rich brown hue, tending toward auburn. His carefully trimmed mustache is of a lighter shade than his hair. There is nothing constrained in his movements either on the street or in the court room. He has an unstinted regard for the rights of all. He has a repugnance to all reprehensible, spiteful and rancorous traits. He is kindly and easy of demeanor and cultivated. While he is neither starchy or ceremonious he has a dignity which is not lofty nor pompous. His intellect is not muddy or swampy but clear and incisive. He is not mediocre or commonplace or ordinary and neither is he fretful, waspish, spiteful or capricious. His perceptible faculties are of the keenest pitch and before "Amen" is said he is the jewel of the Democracy of the Empire State.

Judge Parker's ancestry is good. His great-grandfather, John Parker, a resident of Massachusetts, was a soldier for three years in the war of the revolution and his grandfather and father were both farmers. Judge Parker was a school teacher. By this work he got the money to study law, and he was graduated from the Albany law school in 1872. From the start he lived in politics. In 1877 he was elected surrogate of Ulster county. After graduating at the Albany law school he made his home at Kingston, Ulster county, although he had been born at Cortland, Cortland county, where Daniel Scott Lamont first saw the light of day. In 1888 Parker's six-year term as surrogate of Ulster county expired and he was once more elected to this time by a largely increased plurality. In 1894 Parker became a power in state politics. All the Democratic warblers—Daniel D. Tompkins, William C. Whitney, Edward Cooper, David B. Hill, Abram K. Hewitt, Samuel J. Tilden, Edward K. Atter and their friends cottoned to Parker, the young handsome demagogue, who had won the state in two pitched battles in what was considered a normal Republican county. Parker went as a delegate to the Democratic national convention and there, with Daniel Manning and others of Grover Cleveland's friends succeeded in nominating Mr. Cleveland for president. With Cleveland's election, David B. Hill became a political power through his successful campaign as governor. In the fall of 1895 Mr. Hill was a candidate for election as governor, and Mr. Parker, on his way to New York one day in a rally, met Hill and several other prominent Democratic politicians, who insisted upon his managing Mr. Hill's campaign as chairman of the executive committee of the Democratic state committee. Mr. Parker at first declined proprietor-

PIGEON FINDS USE FOR POSTOFFICE

An old white pigeon with a black feather in his tail is the boss of a family of cooling artists which has made a homestead entry on the postoffice building, opposite The Journal office. He struts about the place in his grandest manner during a part of the day and spends the remainder in flying about the city. No one knows just when the pigeons established themselves in the government building. They have been seen there during the past week and have become so bold in their possession that they make no effort whatever to conceal the fact of their inhabiting the place. They are considerate enough to confine their domestic life to the old structure and have never been seen on the west side, where the annex is being erected. Workmen in their deliberate way are still engaged in building the annex and it may be that their occasional labors have driven the birds to the other side. In the evening the pigeons are frequently seen making their way to the rafters of the building where they roost during the night. The old white pigeon with the black feather in his tail sits in a window till the rest of the family are safe on the inside, then he also retires.

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ROUND TRIP TO DALLES IN A DAY

C. E. SPENCER AFTER NEXT FRIDAY WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE TWO-DAY RUN IN HALF THAT TIME AND WILL MAKE STOPS FOR WAY FREIGHT.

Beginning next Friday it will be possible for Portland people to go to The Dalles and return the same day. Starting at that time Spencer will introduce a new time card by making daily round trips. As she will stop at various landings at intermediate points and carry both freight and passengers, many of the old-time river men are shaking their heads and seriously doubting that the feat can be performed. Captain Spencer is arranging to have her leave her at 7 o'clock and says that she will be back at 10 in the evening.

Before entering upon her strenuous life the steamer will be put in the best of trim. Tuesday evening she will be tied up at her dock at the Elks lodge. The trip to the Dalles will be a thorough inspection. After being rubbed down a trifle her owner is confident that she will be in fit condition to stand the severe test to which she will be subjected. The round trip to The Dalles has only been made regularly by one steamer, and then for only a brief period. Two years ago the Bailey Gatzert covered the distance both ways, but she carried nothing but passengers and was enabled to keep up a fairly good schedule. Had she handled freight, however, as it is proposed to do now, it is not more than a fair guess that she would have been taxed to the utmost. For this reason they declare that the Spencer is going to try all, if it is not more than a fair chance that she would have been taxed to the utmost.

To make the round trip in a day between here and the city situated above the Cascade locks a steamer will have to cover a distance of 230 miles. That is more than twice the distance from Portland to the mouth of the Columbia river, and there has never been a steamer which has ever made this run in the same number of hours as is now proposed to put in force on the upper river, with any degree of regularity. And still it is an easier route to traverse in every way than the run to The Dalles and back. There are no rapids to contend with, and the current is not so strong. The Bailey Gatzert made a fine passage down from The Dalles yesterday, arriving at 1:35 o'clock in the afternoon. While the Spencer starts out to make the round trip on the same day, river men are expecting to see some pretty races pulled off between the rival boats. So far as any one appears to know a race war will not result. The rivalry remains keen between the two companies.

BEACON ROCK IN SHAPE.

British Ship Will Be Ready for Cargo Next Week. On Tuesday the British ship Beacon Rock will be ready to receive cargo. The ship was chartered by the Oregon Shipowners' association and will be loaded with lumber for South Africa.

The need of a comfortable and complete home has long been felt by Portland people. The present quarters are not only inadequate to the ordinary requirements of a lodge room, but progressive members of the lodge have felt that they had no place to which they could retreat when they wanted to feel at home. There is nothing the visiting Elks so much appreciate as a fraternal headquarters or club at which he may write a few letters or to which he may direct that his mail and telegrams be sent during his stay in the city.

The social feature of the Elks' organization has been made the predominant feature of this great society all over the country, and has proved to be the strongest factor in its upbuilding. The spirit of fraternity and good fellowship among Elks has become proverbial, and this spirit Portland Elks propose shall be developed to its fullest extent. The lodge here has grown to nearly a thousand members, and includes many of the best business men in the city. It is a wealthy lodge, and is now in good condition to undertake the building of a home, having a surplus of over \$20,000 on deposit in a local bank, besides awaiting the very valuable piece of real estate that it is proposed to sell at the corner of Stark and Seventh streets. With the aggregate it will have a big fund with which to go into the undertaking and it is confidently predicted by the Elks that after another year they can bid visitors welcome to a home that will make them remember Portland many a day after their departure.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

In a short time the pilots will make their annual soundings between Portland and the sea. They will probably charter one of the boats of the boats on which to conduct their operations.

The Fortis club, composed of the employees of the Portland-Asiatic company, are preparing to give an outing on the river at an early date. A big portion of the cargoes being brought in by the river boats these days from points down the Columbia are made up of blackberry shipments. The mascot brought up 50 pairs of the fruit from the Lewis river yesterday.

MARY DEBBERT SMILES.

While she was lying at Port Los Angeles seven men deserted from the German ship Emilia which arrived in port yesterday. It is expected that a majority of the remainder will turn French leave in Portland before many days elapse. She carries a crew of 30, seven of whom are apprentices. The Rajore has lost nearly all her cargo, as she has been chartered the captain will soon have to ship a new crew.

LIGHTNING STRIKES HOUSE NEAR TALENT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Ashland, Or., July 9.—The home of Jeff Bell in Talent, four miles north of here, was struck by lightning during a severe storm last evening. The bolt passed down through the house and sending the floor under Mrs. Bell caused her to fall into the cellar, with slight injuries.

Members of the family miraculously escaped. The house was set on fire by the flash, but the flames were soon extinguished without much damage.

Fishy. From the Chicago Tribune. "Talk about its being enthusiastic!" said the Democrat. "It was a regular codfish convention."

"Cut and dried." "Fishy" said the Republican. "There was more enthusiasm about it than there'll be at the mackerel convention you fellows are going to hold at St. Louis." "Mackerel? How?" "In a pickle. Too much Bryn."

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ARREST. FOLLOWS CONFETTI FIGHT

WOMAN CLAIMS THAT REVELED AT CARNIVAL NOT ONLY OVERWHELMED HER WITH THY PILES OF PAPER, BUT STRUCK HER WITH GANE.

In a fierce fight that took place on the carnival grounds last night at 10 o'clock, a woman, whose name the arresting officer, Policeman Tom Kay, neglected to ascertain, was struck over the head, it is asserted by R. O. Donahue, second policeman on the scene, Columbia. He was arrested and locked up in jail, being unable to furnish \$50, the amount of bail fixed by Captain of Police Moore.

Confetti fights were frequent last night, being more fierce than usual. Donahue, accompanied by Nels Johnson, a steward of the same steamer, Ed Hornick, another steward, and two other members of the crew, started out to take in the carnival. The story of the woman who caused the arrest is that the men not only threw confetti at her and her two women companions, but struck her several blows over the head with small cases he and his friends won by throwing rings.

"We went into the grounds together," said Nels Johnson. "We threw confetti, as did almost every one. We threw rings for the cases we had. We won a dozen. Afterward we gave some of them away, and to the woman who had Donahue arrested we gave one. Her companions, two women, also took one each. They threw confetti at us, and we returned the compliment. Finally, the woman hit Donahue over the head with the case. He hit her in return. She then left us, and later brought a policeman and had Donahue arrested. Her statement that he struck her first is wrong."

"The officer did not secure the woman's name," said Captain Moore, "but she promised to appear in their municipal court Monday and prosecute the defendant. It seems there was a pretty rough time there for awhile. The woman claims that Donahue hit her a hard wallop over the head with the bunch of confetti. The fight caused great excitement on the carnival grounds, and was one of the most thrilling scenes of the evening. When the policeman made the arrest great crowds thronged about him, throwing confetti and making demonstrations of disapproval, apparently. The officer, however, made his way outside and rang for a patrol wagon. To add to Donahue's troubles, his steamer is scheduled to sail for San Francisco tomorrow night. Johnson says Donahue is a young man of good family from the Golden Gate city, and was never in trouble before."

GIVE RECLAMATION PROCEEDINGS GRATIS

(Special Dispatch by Licensed Wire to The Journal.) Washington, July 9.—The geological survey announces that the proceedings of the conference of engineers of the reclamation service held at Ogden last September have been published for gratis.

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WASHINGTON PAIR IN OAKLAND JAIL

(Continued from Page One.) keeper at a salary of \$15 per week. When he told me he was going to California I said I wanted to come, too, and I gave him money to buy my ticket. I am only 16 years old, but when I get to be 15 I am going to marry him." At the Brunswick hotel it was learned that the girl had stated there that she was but 15 years of age. Donaldson obtained work as a painter immediately after his arrival in Oakland, and the girl spent her time having some long dresses made. The child is of rather possessing appearance, and seems to think that there is nothing unusual in the line of conduct which she has pursued.

Chief Hodgkins has communicated with the police of Greenlake, and if the pair are wanted there they will be extradited.

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