

# PARKER ON THE ISSUES

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TARIFF CHANGE IS PROMISED

With Victory in November the Republic of the Trusts Will Be Curbed by Wise Legislation.

Reciprocal Trade Treaties a Necessity of the Situation—Underhand Methods of the Administration in Panama Denounced—Justice for the Philippines Urged—National League Pleads for Cooperation of All Members of the Party in the Struggle for Wise Legislation and Good Government.

Keenes, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Judge Parker today made public his letter supplementing his acceptance of the nomination for President of the United States tendered him by the national Democratic convention. The document follows:

To the Honorable Champ Clark and Others, Committee, Etc.: Gentlemen: I have accepted the nomination for President of the United States tendered me by the national Democratic convention. The document follows:

If we would retain our liberties and constitutional rights untrammelled and unimpeded by any time or for any purpose, we must have an executive branch of our government which should be every mind of the words of Webster, "The chief executive power should be maintained constitutional restraints and a just distribution of political powers."

Already the national government has become a mere puppet in the hands of a few men whose power is increased by maintaining constitutional restraints and a just distribution of political powers."

Tariff reform is one of the cardinal principles of the Democratic party, and the necessity for it is never greater than in this country. It is the one subject which should be the paramount issue at the next election.

The Dingley tariff is excessive in many of its provisions, especially in its duties on raw materials, and its oppressive burden on the people. It should be replaced by a tariff which is moderate, just, and in combination, the principle of reciprocity.

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men law principles could be applied by United States courts in cases involving tariff duties. It is the duty of the United States courts to apply the law of the land.

Reciprocity. In my address to the national convention, I said that the tariff is the most important factor in our economic life. It is the duty of the government to secure to all our people the benefits of the tariff.

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# ILLINOIS NEWS

BANKS GAIN IN STRENGTH.

Latest Report is Very Favorable to Illinois National Institutions.

The national banks of Illinois, exclusive of the State Bank, have grown wonderfully during the last year, as shown by the statement of their condition under the last call of the controller of the currency on Sept. 6.

Their combined resources on that date were \$190,629,744, as compared with \$118,429,246 on Sept. 9, 1903. Of these amounts \$106,702,970 represented loans and discounts on the 6th of this month, which exceeded the showing of Sept. 9, 1903, by over \$4,000,000.

The United States bonds to secure circulation had increased from \$13,846,650 last year to \$14,946,650 this year, while the amount of bonds, securities, etc. had grown from \$12,087,420 last September to \$13,888,690 this year. On Sept. 6 last \$27,804,969 was due from approved reserve agents, which is nearly \$5,000,000 in excess of the amount due in 1903. The lawful money reserve in bank was \$9,046,275 this month, as compared with \$8,971,453 last year, an increase of \$75,000, which is in specie and legal tender notes.

The percentage of legal reserve to deposits shows a slight decrease over the corresponding period of last year, but with \$8.7 in 1903, but the percentage to deposits of cash and hand, redemption fund and fund from reserve agents increased from 27.29 to 29.19. Furthermore, it is stated that the banks have been doing a big business in shown by the fact that individual deposits on the 6th of this month were \$118,403,265 last September, while United States deposits increased from \$3,619,457 to \$4,969,331.

The capital stock this year was \$92,967,600, which is more than a million more than it was in 1903. The surplus fund increased from \$4,498,147 to \$9,231,966, while undivided profits, less reserves and taxes paid, were \$1,008,498, \$120,000 more than last year.

Knights of Pythias May Buy Park. World has been received in Belleville that the committee representing the Knights of Pythias lodges of southern Illinois, which recently met in Belleville to consider the location of the proposed Pythian home, had decided that Priester's park, four miles west of Belleville, was an ideal spot for the home, and would recommend the purchase of the same. The fifty-four acres, one three-story brick building and two frame residences, each of eight rooms, were valued at \$70,000.

Prefers Death to Notoriety. As the climax of an affray at Springfield in which Mrs. George Copple was slashed with a razor by another woman, she attempted to end her life at her home by drinking poison. Her husband, who had been notified, refused to administer to her, and she died.

Passengers Are Hungry. The slipping of a wheel from its axle almost derailed a freight train on the Blue line at Lockport, and delayed for three hours a train consisting of six cars of St. Louis passengers, who were going to their homes in the morning. The delay aged among neighboring farmhouses for food.

Nashville Choral Union. The Nashville Choral union has elected the following officers: President, C. Chapin; vice president, C. C. Graves; secretary, Paul Radneck; treasurer, Paul Krughoff; board of trustees, J. C. Chapin, F. C. Crowder and Paul Krughoff. The society is preparing to give a concert on Christmas night.

Honor Sunday School Workers. The men's vestry of the high school of the German Methodist Episcopal church of Nashville tendered a surprise to Theodore L. Reuter at his home in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his superintendentship of the Sunday school.

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DETAIN STATE FISH STEAMER

Boat is Tied Up at Alton Awaiting Orders From Commission.

The Illinois fish commission steamer, the Alton, has been ordered to Alton awaiting orders from the commission to proceed up the Mississippi river to the northern part of the Illinois part of the lake for stocking purposes. Capt. G. T. Williams of the Illinois says the boat is being held at Alton until a trial can be held and the question of the rights of the state officials decided. The fish commissioners claim the right to seine lakes or ponds in Illinois where fish might be destroyed by the drying up of the water or where there is danger of the fish freezing during the winter. The small fry is taken for use in stocking ponds and the larger fish put into running streams. It is claimed that the employees of the commission were arrested near Savannah.

WANT TRAINS ON THE MAIN LINE

Alton Citizens Seek to Compel Observation of Chicago Conditions.

The Alton Commuters Club has adopted a resolution calling upon the city officials to bring suit against the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, to compel the company to make provision to run its main line trains through Alton, instead of via the cut-off. The resolution is based upon the fact that the main line runs through Alton, and that its charter is for the running of trains over the main line, not by way of the cut-off from Godfrey to Waukegan. The suit is to force a revocation of the charter of several years ago to the road, when the extension was made from Alton and through Alton to St. Louis.

Orders Life Insurance Paid. In the circuit court at Greenville Judge Burroughs instructed a jury to bring in a verdict of \$200 in the case of Mrs. Delpha J. Bourner against the Court of Honor, a fraternal order. Mrs. Bourner sued for \$1,000, the amount of the policy held by her late husband in the order, which refused payment on the ground that Mr. Bourner committed suicide. The by-laws of the society were changed after Mr. Bourner became a member, but he died the society to pay only five per cent of the amount of the policy in case of suicide.

Boys Committed Suicide. By means of a string tied to his foot and the trigger of a shotgun, Fred Barrick, aged 16 years, was enabled to go to his room in such a position that he could shoot into his head. He did so in his father's farm near Robinson, in a successful effort to commit suicide. The only reason for the lad killing himself was his mother's refusal to allow him to accompany her to a neighbor's.

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CHICAGO NEWS FROM OVER THE STATE, ESPECIALLY RELATING TO OUR BUSINESS.

HEAVY RAINS HAMPER FARMERS

Work is Delayed by Wet Condition of the Soil.

The crop bulletin for the week ending Sept. 8 says: "The first of the week was cool and light frosts occurred on the 21st and 22d in some localities of the northern district. During the latter part of the week the weather was somewhat warmer. Heavy general rains fell early in the week and again on the 24th. Farm work made little progress because of the heavy rains and wet condition of the soil. Plowing, however, is well advanced and the plowing for wheat, rye and grasses has begun. Some early-sown wheat fields are showing green.

"Owing to the prevalence of cool, damp weather corn made slow progress toward maturity. The late planted is still very green, and the soybeans and central districts and a considerable part of the southern section. A considerable part of the crop in the north is suffering from frost and it is generally believed that most of the crop in all sections will be safe by Oct. 10, provided no killing frosts occur in the central and southern districts.

"Cucumbers are ripe, but the harvest has been delayed by rains. Pastures have begun to be practically spoiled. The crop of clover-seed is good. Potato digging is under way. The output is proving to be large and of excellent quality. The apple crop is fair in the northern part, but very poor throughout the remainder of the state. Grapes are plentiful and of excellent quality. Pears are a good crop."

W. C. T. U. Election. The central W. C. T. U. of Springfield elected Mrs. G. C. Smith president; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. J. George; recording secretary, Mrs. A. H. Harlow; treasurer, Mrs. Omi Hurdson. Mrs. G. J. George was also chosen a delegate, with Mesdames Brown, Mrs. G. C. Smith present; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. J. George; recording secretary, Mrs. A. H. Harlow; treasurer, Mrs. Omi Hurdson. Mrs. G. J. George was also chosen a delegate, with Mesdames Brown, Mrs. G. C. Smith present.

Arrest of Wife. James B. Smith is said to be past 70 years of age, applied for a warrant in Alton for the arrest of his wife, who is said to be half his age, on a charge of assaulting him with a heavy pocket knife. Kendall area near Edwardsville crossing, east of Alton, and was formerly a justice of the peace. He married his wife a few years ago. The wife, in such a position that he could shoot into his head, he did so in his father's farm near Robinson, in a successful effort to commit suicide. The only reason for the lad killing himself was his mother's refusal to allow him to accompany her to a neighbor's.

Blind Schoolmates Wed. Justice Mousette of Centerville station, performed a marriage ceremony for Frank Schaeffer, aged 29, of East St. Louis, and Helen A. Kendall, aged 27, of Troy, Mo. The contracting parties are blind. They attended a school together, however, and have kept up a correspondence for the past year. Miss Brown came from Troy yesterday. Justice Mousette is an old friend of the groom. They will make their home in Centerville station.

Woodmen to Unveil Statue. St. Clair camp, No. 23, Woodmen of the World, will unveil the monument to Mrs. M. A. Waterbury, in the cemetery at Belleville, to the memory of H. Henemann, Sunday, Oct. 2. Several companies of the uniform rank of St. C. Graves, secretary, Paul Radneck; treasurer, Paul Krughoff; board of trustees, J. C. Chapin, F. C. Crowder and Paul Krughoff. The society is preparing to give a concert on Christmas night.

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World's Fair Trips. Brickmakers and Plasterers' union, No. 44, at Litchfield, has recently decided to take a sufficient sum of money from the treasury to give each member of the union a trip to the world's fair.

Begin Work on Big Plant. Work on the construction of the plans of the Great West and Lead Company, which has been delayed because of the difficulty in obtaining supplies and material, has begun at East Alton.

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