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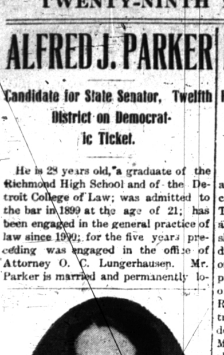
ALFRED J. PARKER

Candidate for State Senator, Twelfth District on Democratic Ticket.

He is 28 years old, a graduate of the Richmond High School and of the Detroit College of Law; was admitted to the bar in 1899 at the age of 21; has been engaged in the general practice of law since 1902; for the five years preceding was engaged in the office of Attorney O. C. Lungerhausen. Mr. Parker is married and permanently lo-



cated at Mt. Clemens. He is well qualified for the office he seeks, has good business and legal training, and is capable in every way. He is opposed to railroad domination and promises, if elected, to represent the whole people.

Among the many other needed reforms, Mr. Parker advocates:

1. The nomination of all candidates for office by the direct vote of the people and will do all in his power to secure the adoption of a simple and efficient primary law.

2. The election of railroad and tax commissioners by direct vote of the people.

3. The nomination and election of United States Senators by the direct vote of the people.

4. The repeal of the so-called Indeterminate Sentence Law and the restoring to the Judges, discretion in the punishment of persons convicted of crime.

5. The abolition of a political Pardon Board.

6. The repeal of the Change of Venue Law enacted by the last legislature, which makes it possible for a litigant upon making a prescribed affidavit without any investigation as to the truth of the statements therein made, to have a cause transferred to another circuit, discomboling litigants and giving an enormous advantage to corporations and wealthy parties to civil actions.

7. The enforcement of equitable taxation on the immense mining and corporate wealth of the state.

8. The repeal of the Limited Liability Act, enacted by the last legislature, at the behest of the corporate interests of the state, limiting her liability for damages, where death results from negligent personal injuries.

THE SWASTIKA

Whitehead and Mitchell Each Have One of These Ancient and Mysterious Charms—a la Watch Fob.

It is the oldest known symbol and is found in pre-historic graves and ruins in all quarters of the globe.

It is carved upon the solid rock in the mountains of India and painted upon the walls of the Canons of Arizona and New Mexico.

It is dug up out of the ruins of Ancient Greece; from the graves of the Mound-Builder Indians in Ohio; found on the pottery of the Cliff Dwellers in North America, and upon pre-historic pottery in Brazil, and is common in China and Japan.

Thomas Wilson, Curator of the U. S. National Museum, in his book "The Swastika," says of it: "What seems to have been at all times an attribute of the Swastika is its character as a charm or amulet, as a sign of benediction, blessing, long life, good fortune and good luck."

At the present time the Navajo Indians use it symbolically in some of their religious ceremonies, and also weave it into their blankets, and make it in silver charms' pins and buttons.

One day last week was a lucky one for Birmingham and that was the day Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brooks returned home from their long visit at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Among the many recipients of souvenirs of their trip were the editors of this paper to each of whom Mr. Brooks brought a Swastika watch fob and now all fears of fire disaster, missortune, illness or any bad luck are forever scattered.

Seekest thou to make an enemy? Tell a man his faults.

HIT BY AN ENGINE

Rig Driven by Undertaker Kelly, of Pontiac, Was Backed Into, Last Saturday Evening.

E. J. Kelly, the Pontiac undertaker, and his son, C. J. Kelly, narrowly escaped death last Saturday evening. They were taking a body from the asylum to the Grand Trunk depot for shipment on the 6:51 train. Kelly was driving the undertaking wagon with one horse. It was about 5 o'clock and pitch dark. Owing to the obstruction of Jackson Street Kelly drove down Railroad Street and on reaching the track an engine and freight car ran down near the water tank and stopped. Mr. Kelly thought that they were about to take water so he drove ahead expecting to cross the track in the rear of the freight car attached to the engine. Just as the horse reached the middle of the track hardly a yard from the car, the engineer backed. The edge of the car hit a shaft of the undertaking wagon which did not give and is probably all that saved the horse's life. The animal was pushed bodily off the track and the car and engine passed so close to the undertaking wagon that the driver could reach out and touch the locomotive. The damage is a badly calked leg for the horse and some paint scraped off the thill of the wagon.

Residents of Birmingham who have noted an automobile running on the D. U. R. tracks may have been impressed with the sight without knowing that the passenger car is the first of its kind to be used in this section of the country. It may interest them to know that this car is but one of the many novel ways adopted to maintain the standard of the Detroit Free Press as "the leading daily" in all things. This car has been adopted and put in use by the Free Press to give to the residents of Birmingham and Pontiac Michigan a leading daily before breakfast. Even if it was impossible to deliver into Birmingham and Pontiac The Free Press really early that morning it was too late to be of any advantage to the hood of the housewife who was compelled to go to work before the papers even arrived in the city.

Experiments that had been made with the single wheeled automobile, built to run on the rails, convinced the Free Press that such a car would be of great advantage in delivering papers to Pontiac and Birmingham. Without knowing whether the experiment would prove a success or not a contract was placed to construct such a car for the Free Press.

This car was delivered last week and immediately placed in operation. Capable of a speed of between forty and fifty miles an hour, the first trip was to Pontiac and Birmingham in little less than an hour.

The Detroit Free Press arrived in those cities hours before daylight and in consequence for the first time in the history of the paper, readers of the Free Press in Pontiac and Birmingham had their favorite metropolitan daily in time to read before breakfast and before going to work.

The flange wheeled car proved an instantaneous success. Residents of Birmingham have been impressed by this little car whizzing and whirling through the streets with the speed of a high grade locomotive. In charge of a skillful chauffeur and an expert pilot, this car is run at a high rate of speed through the dead of night, carrying the papers from the office of the Free Press to the readers in Birmingham and Pontiac, arriving there long before their time of leaving Detroit under the old system.

This car is constructed much the same as an ordinary four-seated touring auto, with the exception of the wheels, which are similar to those used on railroad cars. Arrangements have been made with the Detroit United Railway for the rental of their tracks for this car. Just as soon as the city edition of the Free Press is run off the big bundles of the papers are hurried to the car, which is ready to begin its long trip through the dark. No time is lost in getting away, and the strange noise that has awakened the residents along the route was caused by this little car whizzing over the rails at a breakneck and dazzling speed. It is a very thrilling but not necessarily dangerous trip, although the run from Detroit to Pontiac has been made in forty-five minutes.

The success of this car has been proved and every day in the year from now on The Detroit Free Press will be delivered in Pontiac and Birmingham at the same hour that it is delivered to its readers in Detroit. In this connection it may also be stated that the latest and most complete edition of the Free Press is delivered to the readers of the Pontiac and Birmingham readers. This car has made it possible for the Free Press to reach its readers in Pontiac and Birmingham and the news up to the minute.

The morning edition, that is delivered in Detroit is delivered in Pontiac and Birmingham. The afternoon edition, that is delivered in Detroit, is delivered in Pontiac and Birmingham. The Detroit Free Press has for some time been distributing daily Free Magazines, at the rate of one hundred copies per month. To obtain for the readers copies of the Free Magazine, all they need do is to send in a postal card, addressed to the Free Magazine Department, Detroit Free Press, and the Free Magazine will be sent each month for a year. That was the problem that for some time puzzled the management of the paper to place the suburban reader in the same position as the city reader. The problem has been solved and that improvement would be made in the delivery of the paper to the suburban reader in the shortest time possible, if it could be obtained. This was the problem that for some time puzzled, until the invention of the flange wheeled car. As soon as this car was built the Free Press saw what it meant to the out-of-town readers and ordered a car constructed for them. Its success has surprised the engineers.

At the present time the men who make the run for the Free Press are used to the elements, as the car is open and the trip is thrilling and full of hardship in view of the fact that it is necessary to carry over half a ton of paper. It has already been determined that a larger car will be necessary and a new one will be built. On this car means will be provided to protect the engineer and the pilot.

The accompanying cut shows the small car on its first trip through Birmingham and Pontiac. In it are A. E. McKinnon, circulation manager, and E. A. Meier, business manager of the Free Press, the chauffer and the pilot. From now on readers of the Free Press in Pontiac and Birmingham are assured that the latest edition of their favorite metropolitan daily newspaper will be delivered to their homes before breakfast. This little car has brought the city of Detroit and Birmingham in closer relations than ever before for, especially, it is a benefit to Detroit and it is a source of enjoyment and profit to the residents of Birmingham.

AUCTION SALES

The Following Announcements Were Printed at the Eccentric Job Rooms the Past Week.

On Thursday of next week William Lucas will have a unique sale on the premises two miles west and half mile north of Royal Oak, disposing of his surplus cattle at auction. It will pay milk dealers and others interested in this class of stock to attend.

The biggest sale of the season, thus far, is the one advertised by Frank Westfall, one mile east and one mile north of Royal Oak, Monday, Nov. 12. He has an unusually fine lot of property and calls your attention thereto in another column.

Joseph Chapp will sell a team and a lot of farming tools, stock, etc., Tuesday, Nov. 20, on the premises two and one-half miles east of Royal Oak, on 10½-mile road.

M. H. Blunt is master of ceremonies as all the above sales.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in Birmingham postoffice on October 27, 1906: C. C. Hump, Mrs. Alice L. Newman, Mrs. Mary Pitschen.

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

ANCIENT HISTORY

Interesting Pioneer Reading Clipped from a Very Old Detroit Paper—Date Unknowa.

The following was presented to us by E. Hamilton, of Pontiac, a nephew of Col. John Hamilton. "Uncle Ed," as he is familiarly known, is 80 years of age and feels justly proud of his ancestry and their pioneer record.

The death of Col. John Hamilton, at Flint, has been already noticed. He was born in Berwick, Maine, in 1790, and spent his youth in Conway, N. Y. He served in the regular army in the War of 1812, coming to this state in August, 1815, with his regiment, and received an honorable discharge in June 1817, at Detroit. He served five years and was in many engagements, including that of Lundy's Lane. When he came to Detroit, Michigan was almost an unbroken wilderness, with less than 7,000 white inhabitants, and Detroit a village of less than 1,200 people. From the close of his service in 1817, he remained at Detroit until April 1819, when he removed to what is now the Village of Birmingham, Oakland county. He had purchased, the previous year, a quarter section of land covering what is now a part of the site of that pretty inland village, adjacent to and embracing the depot grounds, being the first parcel of land entered and purchased of Government, and the first actually occupied as a farm in that county, with the exception of that occupied by Judge Daniel LeRoy (near what is now Rochester) who imigrated the previous year from Binghamton, N. Y., to Oakland, and the farm occupied by John W. Hunter, now living near Pontiac, a relation of Col. Hamilton by marriage. On the 18th of July, the same year, Col. Hamilton was married to Miss Olive Prindle, as his first wife, the sister of Mrs. Hunter, the ceremony being performed by Judge LeRoy, acting as Justice of the Peace, who has the credit, as he doubtless deserves, of performing the first marriage rites within that county. In the winter of 1822-3 Col. Hamilton made a trip from Detroit to Saginaw, in performance of a contract made by himself and Harvey Williams, yet living at East Saginaw, with the Government, to take supplies through to that point for the use of the garrison then established there. On this trip they were accompanied by E. S. Williams, now of Canada, and Schuyler Hodges, late of Pontiac, as guides and assistants. Arriving upon what is now the site of Saginaw City, he found Louis Campau and Reaume, Indian traders, the former yet living at Grand Rapids, Archie Lyons, interpreter, Provensal, the Indian blacksmith, hired by the Government for the benefit of the Indians, and in pursuance of the terms of the treaty of 1819, the Indian Farmer, and two or three others engaged in the fur trade, the only white persons there except the two Companies of United States Infantry at the garrison. Dr. Pitcher, an acquaintance and friend of Col. Hamilton, was then Assistant Surgeon in the regular army and in attendance upon the garrison. On the route from Birmingham to Saginaw City, Col. Hamilton and his company, found but five or six settlers: Orisen Allen, at Pontiac, Oliver Williams, the father of Gardner D. and E. S. Williams, at Silver Lake, Alpheus Williams, the father of Harvey at Waterford, Jacob Stevens, the father of Sherman Stevens and grandfather of the talented Miss Sara Stevens, at Grand Blanc, Edward Campau, a half-breed, then living on the south side of the river at the city of Flint, the Nau-a-ke-zhick named in Article 4 of the treaty of 1819; and Jacob Smith. For many years Col. Hamilton resided in Birmingham where he was engaged in the running of stage coaches between Detroit and Chicago and from Detroit to Flint and built a flouring and lumbering mill upon the site now owned by his son, Hon. Wm. Hamilton. Col. H. was married three times; by his first wife he had 10 children, his second wife two, and his third five, several of whom have died. He amassed a large property. He was a man of strong character and marked individuality and will long be remembered by all those who came in contact with him.

REV. I. R. HICK'S 1907 ALMANAC.

The Rev. Irl R. Hick's has been compelled by the popular demand to resume the publication of his well known and popular Almanac for 1907. This splendid Almanac is now ready. For sale by newsdealers, or sent postpaid for 25 cents, by Word and Works Publishing Company, 2201 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo., publishers of Word and Works, one of the best dollar monthly magazines in America. One Almanac goes with every subscription.

Dairy and Food Commission's Report.

The Minnesota Dairy and Food Commission's analysis shows that Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar and Bee's Laxative Honey and Tar contained opiates and croton oil. Opiates are poisons and croton oil is a very violent poisonous purgative. Refuse to accept any but Foley's Honey and Tar in a yellow package. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates or dangerous drugs, and is the best cough and cold cure. All druggists.

A Year of Blood.

The year 1903 will long be remembered in the home of F. N. Tacket, of Alliance, Ky., as a year of blood, which flowed so copiously from Mr. Tacket's lungs that death seemed very near. He writes, "Severe bleeding from the lungs and a frightful cough had brought me at death's door, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, with the astonishing result that after taking four bottles I was completely restored, and as time has proven, permanently cured." Guaranteed for sore lungs, coughs and colds, at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores. Price 50c and $1. Trial bottle free.

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Quinine Shampoo (extra fine),	10c
Qui Vive Cold Cream,	10c
Borated Talcum Powder,	10c
Petroleum Jelly (pound jar),	10c
Wild Rose Toilet Soap (three cakes),	10c
Pine Tree Tar Soap (three cakes),	10c
Oat Meal Soap (three ctkes),	10c
We have just opened a cask of Decorated China Dishes, consisting of Plates, Bowls, Platters, Bakers, Vegetable Dishes, etc., that go while they last at, each,	10c
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