

THE FARMER-JUDGE.

Character Sketch of the Democratic Standard Bearer

ALTON BROOKS PARKER'S CAREER

Descended From Farmers and Patriots, Judge Parker While Maintaining a High Career on the Bench Has Clung to His Farm.

Alton Brooks Parker is well known throughout the State of New York as the Farmer-Judge.

His father, his grandfather before him, and those before them, were farmers, honest men who lived their lives on their farms, cultivating the soil, raising crops and cattle.

One day John Parker, who was a man of studious habits, widely and deeply read and gifted with rare memory for the best passages in the works of best authors was summoned to do jury duty in Cortland.

MEN AND THE CONSTITUTION.

To every man who loves his country—a country made great and powerful by virtue of institutions rooted in the Constitution, guarded and shielded by the Constitution—it is pleasing, nay, inspiring, to behold in this age of wealth and corrupt political and financial organization, a man of simple origin, removed from every favorable condition save those of honest and industrious parentage, so battle all obstacles and so rise in the esteem, affection and admiration of men that he be called upon to resign virtually a life position, the most commanding at the bar of his or any other State, to become the standard bearer of one of the great political parties.

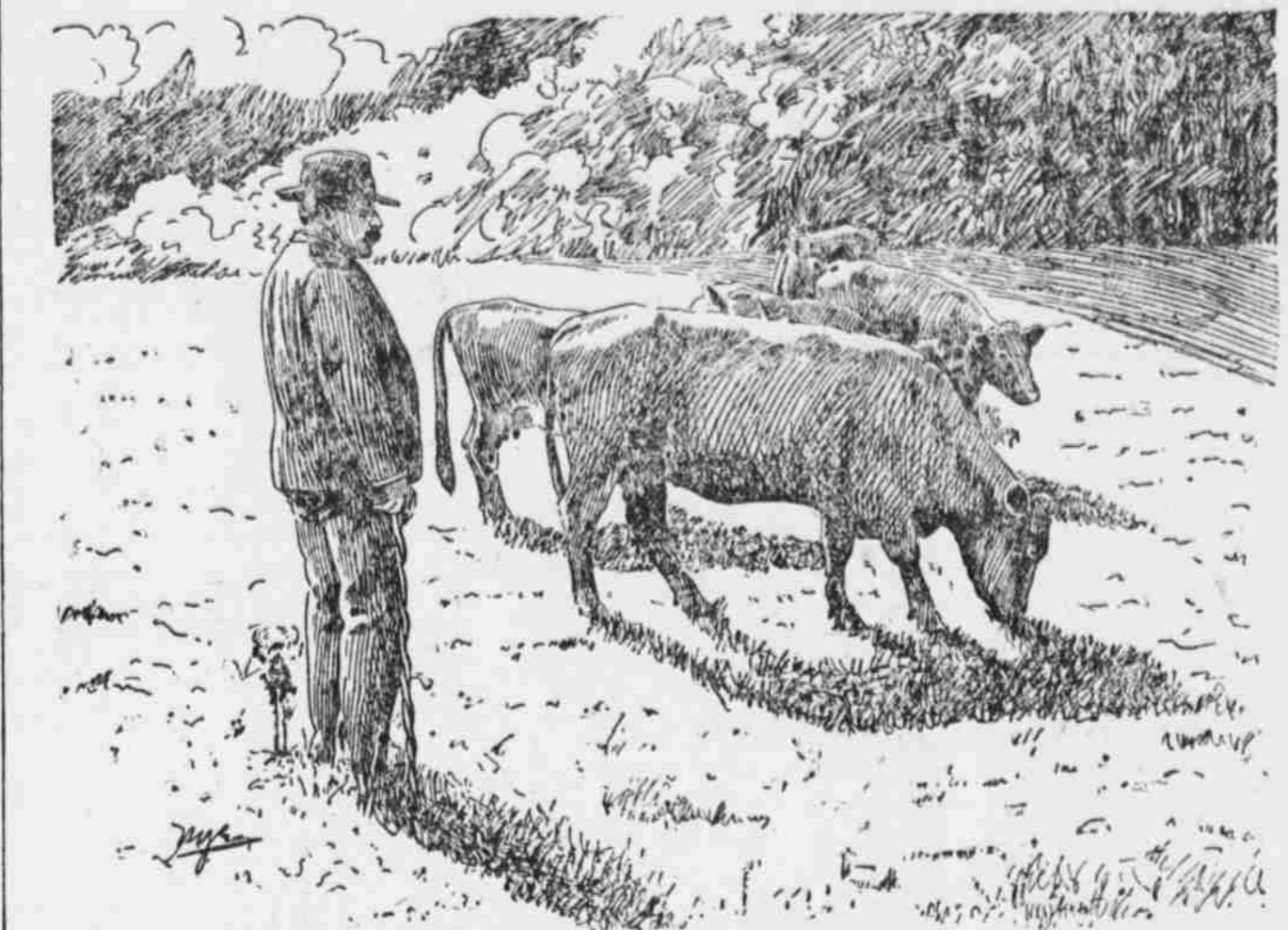
What the Constitution has enabled Alton Brooks Parker to become, so will the undefiled Constitution enable all other farmers' sons to become in the future years.

HIS EARLY STRUGGLES.

But what of those early days? Young Parker was greatly in earnest to become a lawyer.

As soon as he was admitted to practice he became the junior partner in the office of Schoonmaker & Hardenbergh, of Kingston, N. Y.

nomination for State Senator, and managed the campaign which resulted in his election. About this time Alton Brooks Parker became enamored of Mary L. Schoonmaker, a daughter of Moses L. Schoonmaker, of Accord, whose progenitor also fought for his country in the Revolutionary War.



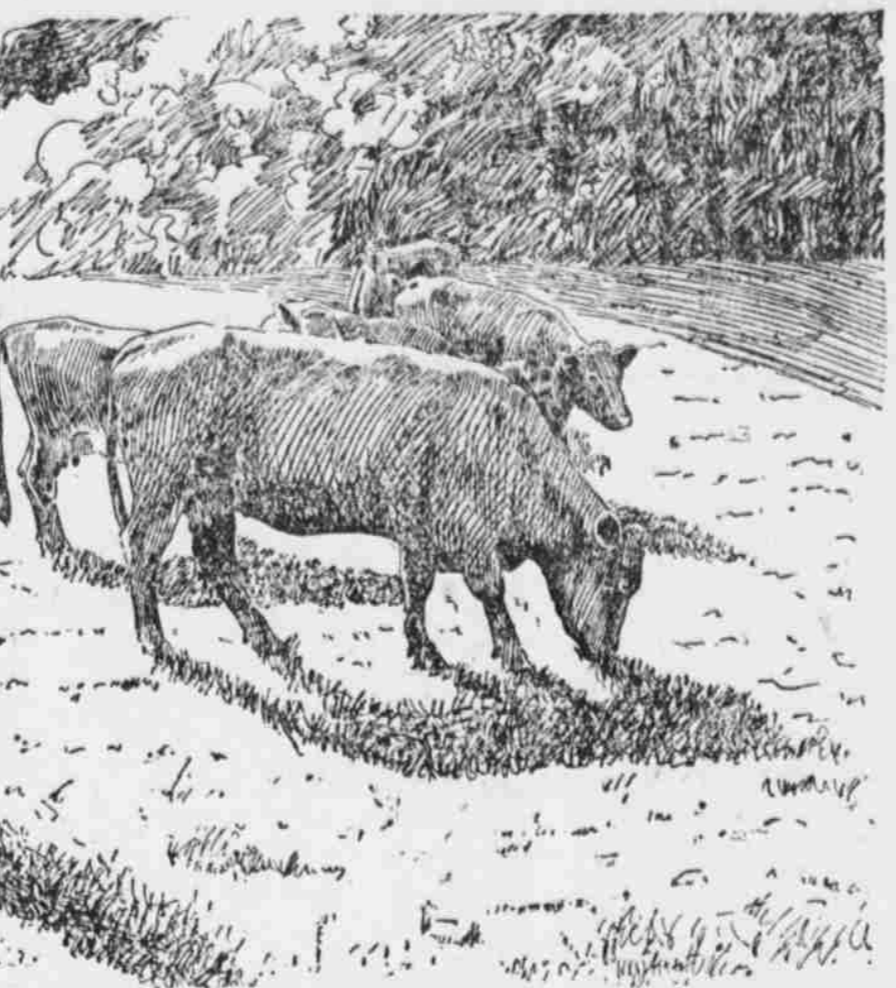
JUDGE PARKER, ON HIS FARM AT ESOPUS, N. Y., INSPECTING HERD OF RED POLLS.

He was again the only successful Democrat in the county. In 1884 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention that nominated Grover Cleveland.

BECOMES A JUDGE.

In 1885 there had to be chosen a member of the New York Supreme Court, and Governor David B. Hill appointed Alton B. Parker to that judgeship.

McKinley had carried New York State by a majority of over 265,000 votes the election for Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals had to be made.



JUDGE PARKER, ON HIS FARM AT ESOPUS, N. Y., OVERLOOKING THE WORK.

HOME ON THE HUDSON.

Esopus, where Judge Parker has his residence, is a small village of thirty-five houses, built along a country crossroad.

Judge Parker does his work.

The Judge jumps out of bed at 6.30 in the morning invariably, and in the summer season his first movement is to put on a bathing suit and trip down the hill to the Esopus landing and take a swim in the Hudson River.

After breakfast he mounts his horse (of which he keeps a number of good ones), and takes a ride over his farm.



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WORDS OF WISDOM.

The following words from Judge Parker's letter of acceptance are particularly forceful and characteristic: "I have put aside a congenial work, to which I had expected to devote my life, in order to assume, as best I can, the responsibilities your convention put upon me."

liberately, not like President Roosevelt, who is credited with jumping at everything in a fury of energy and working strenuously, as he terms it.

Judge Parker is no fancy farmer playing at farming like a boy with a toy. He manages his farm and makes it pay. He is a real farmer, who directs the work, examines the plowing, and in harvest time is found in his shirt sleeves at work with his men in saving the hay and cutting the wheat.

Judge Parker has never been defeated yet, and it is very unlikely that good fortune will desert him when the prize is so near his grasp.

Although Judge Parker rises early, he does not retire to his sleeping room before 11 o'clock at night, and he works so intermittently during the day that he sleeps as sweetly as a babe on its mother's bosom.

"I solicit the cordial co-operation and generous assistance of every man who believes that a change of measures and of men at this time would be wise, and urge harmony of endeavor as well as vigorous action on the part of all so minded."

"The issues are joined and the people must render the verdict."

"I undertake the duties of the Presidency, I pledge myself, with God's help, to devote all my powers and energy to the duties of this exalted office."

"Don't throw away your vote! If you want to strike a blow at the Trusts"

VOTE FOR PARKER!

BRYAN ROUSING INDIANA.

Great Nebraska Commoner Speaking to Immense and Enthusiastic Crowds.

Mr. Bryan's speeches in Indiana have evidently been a great disappointment to the Republican managers.

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CalM AND DELIBERATE.

Judge Parker works calmly and deliberately.

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SCENES FROM LIFE OF A POLITICAL APOSTATE

BLOW DID NOT ALMOST KILL DEMOCRACY WHEN ROBERT TREAT PAINE, JR., DESERTED.

Has Renounced the Faith of His Fathers Because of His Desire to See Elected a President That Will Invite Booker T. Washington to Dinner

Probably there are many readers of The American who have managed to exist without even having heard of Mr. Robert Treat Paine, Jr., of Boston.

"Robert Treat Paine, acting for his wife, bought, through his agents in Washington, D. C., a piece of land in Virginia near Fort Myer and Arlington, laid off into town lots, named it Clearman, and sold to people with a binding contract that said lots should never be sold to a negro.

"Thus it would seem that while Mr. Paine professes a President who will eat with colored folk, he blacklists them when it comes to selling town lots.

"Your letter, with its inclosure, has been received by me. I hope you will allow me to express my sincere regret that you should bear the name that by right of lineage descent belongs to me and my family here in Boston.

"The Brookline Paine thereupon wrote the Boston Paine as follows: "For the reason that it is impossible to stop the bray of the donkey without killing the ass I will allow you to express your sincere regret.

"This closed the incident. Now comes Robert Treat Paine, of Boston, who again makes public his claim to being the prize ass of North America.

WHERE IT HURTS.

Tariff on Coal a Great Injustice in New England.

Why should not New England get coal where it can be had for the least money? But for a tariff it could be had for a reasonable price from across the Canadian line.

The Republican Beef Trust has raised the price of meat for the people while itself paying lower prices than ever to the cattle-raisers.

VOTE FOR PARKER!

The Battle in Minnesota.

Minnesota Republicans are now so rattled because of the growing opposition to Dunn, the Republican nominee for Governor, that they have appealed to the Western headquarters of the Republican National Committee to release all Minnesota Republicans who have been assigned to speak in other States.