

PARKER IN THE LIGHT

Thumbnail Sketch of the Bearer of Democracy's Golden Banner.

ILLUMINATING INCIDENTS AND ANECDOTES

The Home and Home Life of the Jurist-Esopus and How it Blooms in the Sunlight of Publicity.

Judge Alton Brooks Parker of New York, democratic nominee for president, has been pictured and his career reviewed frequently since he became a prominent candidate for honor at party headquarters.

Judge Parker was 23 years of age on May 14. He was elected Judge of the New York court of appeals in 1858. He is six feet tall, with strength in proportion. Broad of back, deep-chested, brown eyes, reddish hair and weighs 190 pounds.

There is a grave dignity and a suggestion of immense power in Judge Parker when he presides in the court of appeals. He is the youngest man in the row of judges. He is attentive to argument and keeps his eyes steadily on the lawyer who may be pleading. His courtesy to lawyers is well known.

The Judge at Work.

He goes at his task without nervousness. It is hard to imagine a less nervous man. He works with method and deliberation. After dictating an opinion he goes over the sheets and strikes out every word that is superfluous or rhetorical. But his corrections ordinarily relate merely to details; he does not have to pull his work to pieces. Nor is there anyone who ever heard him speak discourteously or in anger to a subordinate.

A careful estimate of Judge Parker's wealth places the value of all his possessions at about \$250,000. This property has been acquired mostly by saving and good business judgment.

The situation of the house and its general aspect have been likened to those of the mansion at Mount Vernon. The view from the porch is far finer than that at Mount Vernon. The opposite shore of the river is very beautiful, with rolling hills and dale, dotted at wide intervals with farm houses or country seats.

It is doubtless the belief of the millions of newspaper readers to whom the name Esopus has become familiar within the last few weeks that it is at least a village or a hamlet, and that it is somewhere where trains stop and people can go and come with the ordinary ease which belongs to places on a main trunk line in the state of New York.

This is an impression which should be promptly corrected by anyone that desired to get an accurate idea of the place which is Judge Parker's postoffice address.

Esopus being classical Esopus is an old name in the history of the state of New York. The original Esopus is now Kingston, a prosperous city of 5,000 or 6,000 inhabitants, with several lines of railroads, trolley cars and the old state house.

The principal inhabitants of Esopus are George Washington Beaufort, the farmer who stops the trains; Patrick Quinn, who for some forty or fifty years has run the country inn at the forks of the road; and Isaac Buzzer, who sells beer made of real hops, and batches and raises chickens by the old natural use of hens, which, he says, excel those produced by Judge Parker's incubator and brooder.

Every woman covets a shapely, pretty figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. The bearing of children is often distressive. All of this can be avoided, however, by the use of Mother's Friend before baby comes, as this great licament always prepares the body for the strain upon it, and preserves the symmetry of her form.

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But I cannot afford to give up a \$5,000 position to accept one of \$3,000," answered the surrogate.

Back from the river the land has little value and the farms could not sell for as much as the farms on the originally cut. The houses are old and filled with traditions and large families.

Down at the foot of the road which crosses the railroad track is the old pier, where the boats stop to take on board the apples and potatoes, which are the principal crops of the farmers.

Resourcefulness Saves Bank.

Kingston locally has occasion to remember the quick resourcefulness of Judge Parker in a business emergency. Parker was one of the trustees of the Ulster County Savings bank of Kingston, which one day in September, 1891, closed its doors because of an embezzlement by the treasurer and the assistant treasurer which no longer could be concealed.

When the failure was announced Judge Parker was on his farm near Accord. He hastened into town to meet the other trustees of the institution. But it soon was apparent that, so far as ways and means were in the emergency, Judge Parker was the only trustee.

The first act of Judge Parker as trustee was to swear out warrants for the embezzlers. The bank had invested nearly \$1,000,000 of its deposits in real estate mortgages, one-half of which were in Ulster county. To have closed the institution and wound up its affairs in the hands of a receiver would have meant the foreclosure of these mortgages and the sale of the lands to creditors, working ruin to both farmers and depositors.

The treasurer and his assistant were convicted and sent to state's prison. Then Judge Parker was called for by the president of the institution, a position which he took on the stipulation that no salary attach to the office. He remained president of the bank during several years, and when he left the place the deposits of the institution were several hundred thousand dollars greater than they had been.

Testing the "Parker Luck." It is two years since the name of Judge Alton B. Parker was first prominently and persistently mentioned as the man who might lead the democratic party out of the political wilderness.

It is a guess, replied the little girl, "It's because I've got so much to say."

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His Confidence in Himself.

The following story, told by a New York lawyer, who was a boyhood friend of Parker, would seem to show that he is not always reticent and also that he is not lacking in a well founded confidence in himself.

A Severe Article. Parker stories are scarce. There is no public man about whom fewer anecdotes are told. This is due largely to his reserved life and reticence, although no one loses a good joke or story better.

One is related at the Judge's expense. A very able New York attorney, who was quite deaf and very sensitive, was arguing a case before the court of appeals. He dwelt at length upon a fundamental law or principle. Finally Judge Parker interrupted.

His Mother's Swift. Parker's mother, Mrs. Harriet Stratton Parker, lives at Derby, Conn., but spends the summer months at Boston. She is of Puritan stock and a firm believer in temperance and humility.

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