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## OBSERVATIONS BY THE EDITOR

### Gold Bug Reorganizers Nominate Parker and Davis.-- Bryan's Hard Fight.--Conditions in Colorado.

Vote 'er often  
Vote 'er straight,  
Vote 'er for the candidate,  
Heads I win  
Tails you lose,  
O, you blamed fools, can't you choose?

Parker, Parker!  
Teddy, Teddy!  
Get your flags and banners ready:  
Six of one and  
Like a brother,  
Just a half dozen of the other.

Spread our doctrine--  
Slug our proises,  
As dampfools you are all daisies:  
Shout for protection  
And--

say--  
Democrats!  
Do you remember the Cleveland luts?  
--Rockefeller & Co.

Hooray for Parker!  
Hooray for Roosevelt!  
Hooray for Wall Street!  
Hooray for Hoover--anyhow--yet  
--already--once.

Vote 'er straight!  
In its issue of July 2 the KICKER said:

"Last week a few hundred corporation lawyers calling themselves Republicans met at Chicago and nominated Roosevelt and Fairbanks for president and vice-president. Next week another batch of corporation lawyers representing exactly the same interests will meet in St. Louis and nominate the Democratic candidates for president and vice-president."

At St. Louis, last week, an army of corporation lawyers met and held what they called a National Democratic convention, and nominated a man named Parker of New York for president, and some fellow by the name of Davis of West Virginia for vice president, on a platform so near like the Republican that there is no material difference.

Who is Parker?  
Who is Davis?  
What do they stand for?  
Are the Democrats of the nation expected to adopt the grab-bug method of choosing presidents?

Outside of trust circles nobody ever heard of Parker until Wall Street gave orders to the Associated Press to boom him for president. The fact that he holds the job of chief justice of the Appellate Court of New York

is the strongest proof possible that Parker is entirely satisfactory to the "business interests" of Wall Street. A man not entirely satisfactory to Rockefeller, Havemeyer, Morgan & Co., never gets to warm the seat of a New York court bench!

Davis? Davis? Yes, that's the name. He is said to be 81 years old and a multi-millionaire mine-owner. He may be a good man, but it is likely they do not expect him to live on long enough to put a million or so into the campaign fund.

Oh, it's a great ticket--grover says so. And you know grover. Get yourself ready to follow the band and the parade. And don't forget to buy aside a dollar or two, for they'll be around a little later on to sell you a Parker hat so that you will loom up in the parade!

Remember those tall Cleveland luts we wore in 1892?  
Mr. Bryan fought hard for the cause of the people--but he lost. The people were with him and his every appearance was greeted by thundering applause from the galleries that were occupied by the spectators, but he could make no impression on the corporation lawyers and hired delegates from the East, who deal in politics just as they do in stocks and bonds.

The trust newspapers had Mr. Bryan pictured as smiling as if satisfied with the result. This was done to deceive his admirers. The poor man worked himself sick in his battle against the rule of gold. Up to this time he has not expressed himself.

The Missouri gang is a sweet scented crowd. In an effort to get his job for Dockery they boomed Senator Cockrell for president. And when the plot was exposed the boom fizzled out. But it left them a "soft place to light" at the convention. They cast their vote for Missouri's "favorite son" and you can't tell whether they are pleased with Parker or not.

The present chairman of the machine State committee was chosen by the gang as a member of the national committee from this state. The reorganizers are in complete control everywhere. Hence it is not the melon bug nor the tater bug that is playing havoc with us, but the gold bug.

About the only difference between the Republican and Democratic politicians of today is that Republicans commit a wrong against society and then applaud it, while Democrats will commit the same wrong and deny it.

During the last campaign our Democratic statesmen pretended to deplore the Republican tendency toward militarism, and when the Missouri legislature met two months later an appropriation of \$100,000 was voted to reorganize and equip the state militia. What for?

The Republicans, however, boast of their extravagance along this line. In their national platform they say: "We have reorganized the army and put it in a HIGH STATE OF EFFICIENCY. We have passed laws for the improvement and support of the state militia."

What for? Are the people in control expecting trouble? Do they fear that the working miles will tire of their burden and, in case of peaceful resistance, need to be shot down, imprisoned or driven out as is the case in Colorado today?

Ah, but Colorado should be an eye-opener for every liberty-loving citizen of the United States. In that state, as in quite all the states, the capitalist have control of the government.

It is a mining State. The capitalist class were organized into an organization called the Mine Owner's Association.

The miners (the men who do the work) were members of the Western Federation of Miners.

They were union miners. The mine owners undertook to crush the union, and the clash came. The mine owners were organized, but objected to the workers organizing.

The struggle has been a long one and it was clear that the miners would win. They were orderly and public sentiment was with them.

Something had to be done--and it was done. The capitalist brute that occupies the governor's chair in Colorado declared that insurrection existed and martial law was proclaimed. Immediately the State militia was called out and trouble began.

Civil officers who did not approve of this were made to resign at the muzzle of a gun. Newspapers that did not applaud the governor and his gang of out-throats were smashed. Miners were driven from their homes or murdered or imprisoned, and their wives insulted, President Moyer of the union, was thrown into prison without trial and without any charge being alleged against him.

KEEP IN MIND THAT COLORADO IS IN THE UNITED STATES. A writ of habeas corpus was applied for to release Moyer. The governor claimed the right to suspend such writ. The Supreme court sustained him--of course.

When the Colorado Supreme court rendered this infamous decision Gov. Peabody was in St. Louis feasting and banqueting along with Dave Francis, Rolla Wells and other plutocrats. When he learned of the decision the governor said: "I contended all along that I had the right to suspend writs of habeas corpus. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE SUPREME COURT HAS EVER SUSTAINED THIS IDEA, although it has been advanced any number of times. JEFFERSON, JACKSON and LINCOLN ALL TRIED TO SUSPEND WRITS OF HABEAS CORPUS, on occasions during their administration, BUT THEIR ACTION WAS NEVER SUSTAINED."

So the capitalist governor of Colorado succeeded in accomplishing what which Jefferson and Jackson and Lincoln had failed to accomplish because of the constitution.

And even under these circumstances the miners behaved. Something else had to be done. And it was done.

The mine owners organized the worst elements of Colorado, consisting of thieves and ex-convicts, into what they called the Citizen's Alliance. These thugs would commit depredations and the associated press monopoly telegraphed the news to the capitalist press all over the country telling that the depredations were being committed by members of the miner's union.

But the hired scoundrels carried their villainy too far. On Monday morning at 2:45 o'clock, June 6, while some twenty-five or thirty non-union miners were standing on the platform of the Florence & Cripple Creek depot station waiting for a train, which was at that moment just pulling around the curve from Goldfield, some person or persons pulled a wire attached to a revolver

which exploded into a couple of hundred pounds of dynamite placed beneath where the men were standing. The result was terrific. The station was wrecked. Men were hurled in every direction. Arms and legs, detached portions of dead men, were found scattered seventy-five yards from the scene of the explosion. Eleven bodies were picked up in pieces and eight more were so severely injured that two have since died. The news of this terrible catastrophe was at once heralded to the limits of civilization as the deliberate villainy of union men.

Although the mine owners had caused the wrecking of trains, the blowing up of miners, and many other things that were charged up to the union men, yet in the blowing up of the Independence depot they were caught up with. Here is the way Bro. Ake, of the Iron County Register sees it:

"I have been little disposed to credit the assertions made by labor unions, that outrages attending strikes are often work of corporations seeking to gain the sympathy of the public by destroying their own property and then charging it on the strikers. But the recent diabolical explosion at Independence, Colorado, has set me thinking in another direction. What possible purpose could that outrage serve for the strikers? On the contrary, was it not most opportune to their enemies? Speaking of this, an exchange says: When we consider opportunity for the crime, the element that comes next in importance to motive, it is evident that the strikers had almost no opportunity, while the opportunity of the mine owners' tools was perfect. What opportunity was there to plant an elaborate infernal machine under a railroad station, with connections for exploding it a hundred yards or more away--what opportunity could there have been for strikers to do this, when the whole place, in the hands of the company, was guarded day and night by detectives? The strikers were under surveillance. It was practically impossible for them to place and explode so elaborate a contrivance as the infernal machine at Independence is described to have been. But a Standard Oil detective, or a hired minor under the protection of such a detective, could easily have done the deadly work, and thereby have served the mine-owners' purpose. It is by no means at all improbable, then, that the suppressed story of this explosion from Cripple Creek is true--the story that when bloodhounds were put upon the case they ran to the houses of the company watchmen, and that thereupon the attempt to run down the criminals with bloodhounds was abandoned."

Think of it readers! These bloodhounds went direct to

the homes of the men employed by the mine owners and were CALLED OFF!

These non-union miners were brought into Colorado to take the place of strikers and were murdered by the hirelings of the very men who were responsible for their being there.

Since then every union miner and union sympathizer have been driven out of the state by the state militia, except those that are in prison. This is what we call higher civilization, and the Republicans pride themselves on having put the army "in a high state of efficiency."

Gov. Peabody is a Republican. Like conditions existed during the big strike in Chicago when President Cleveland sent Federal troops into Illinois over the protest of the governor of the state.

The hired thugs of the railroads created riots and set cars on fire and accused the strikers with doing it. Altgelt was not a capitalist governor and refused to be deceived. But old grover was willing!

And this same grover is the man who now applauds the nomination of Parker.

Where were Governor Dockery and Senator Stone during that mighty battle between Democracy and Plutocracy that took place in St. Louis? They were delegates-at-large. Did anybody hear of their taking a stand against Wall Street? These men are mighty powerful in state politics. Are we to understand that they are powerless when they get where their medicine methods cannot be applied? Mr. Bryan made the fight for Democracy practically alone.

#### Worlds Fair from Morley.

Round trip, good for fifteen days, limit, \$5.70. Round trip, good for 60 days, limit, \$6.35. Round trip, good for the season, \$7.69. Special coach excursions July 11, 18 and 25. Fare from Morley, round trip, \$4.75; children, \$2.49. Return limit, 7 days from date of sale. Trains leave Morley at 11:59 a.m. Arrive at St. Louis 7:15 p.m. No change. Take the L. M. route--the pioneer road into St. Louis from Southeast Missouri.

#### To Contractors.

Bids wanted for repairing Owensby schoolhouse, district 3-29-14. To be repainted outside, size 26x36, 12 foot wall. House to be leveled up, windows fixed and one new door shutter made. Bids to be filed with J. W. Bate, City, up to July 20. Work to be finished by Aug 10, 1904. Right reserved to select any or all bids. T. N. PARK, Dist. clerk, manager.

#### SOUTHEAST NOTES.

From all over Southeast Missouri a bumper crop of fruit of all kinds is reported. This means a splendid and cheap addition to the food supply, and should give the beef trust a black eye. Without being vegetarians, we could make fruit play a much higher role in our dietary, and be proportionately healthier.

The Charleston Courier asserts that on the 30th ult. the foreman of a gang of Greeks on the Frisco near Pawpaw Junction shot dead thirteen of the gang, who, their pay not being forthcoming, had procured a rope whereby to hang the foreman. The story lacks confirmation.

Miss Jessie L. Caruthers, daughter of Editor E. P. Caruthers of the Dun-klin Democrat, on June 27 eloped with Wallace E. Barron, Jessie being only 17. Ed thought she was "too young to marry yet," but editors don't necessarily know everything.

Joe Gavin, formerly jailor at Charleston, while acting as marshal at a picnic at Knob Lick on the Fourth, shot and killed Ed and Sam Gann and wounded Miss Della Wells. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of unwarranted murder.

There were over 75 drunks in Portersville on the Fourth, and the correspondent of the Southeast Missouriian remarks: "If prosperity simply means more whisky, perhaps poverty is best."

W. of Missouri, were governed by a woman while Gov. Dockery attended the Joplin convention. Mrs. Al Morrow, wife of the governor's private secretary, was pro tem. governor these days.

Amantia Trice, colored, of Charleston, was murdered on the night of the Fourth and her body hidden under a sidewalk, probably by her "lover," Chris Lee, who is held for the crime.

In view of the fact that the gold-bugs are in control of both parties, perhaps Southeast Missouri may not roll up her usual "heavily Democratic majority" next fall.

E. M. Dearing of Washington county has been appointed by Governor Dockery Judge of the 21st judicial circuit, to fill the unexpired term of his brother, the late Judge F. R. Dearing.

Oryville Smith of Greenville, at the age of 26, committed suicide last week by taking morphine, the result of a spree and the loss of his money gambling. The moral shouts itself.

Complaints are coming this way that the Christian Endeavor Hotel at the Fair is not living up to its contracts. What are these Christians endeavoring to do, anyway?

Dunklin county now has six newspapers. The Maiden Merit, the newest of the six, is easily the second best.

The De Soto Republican will become a daily on July 18--maybe. The Fredericktown Democrat-News is 33 years old.

## SUMMER AND HARVEST CLEARING SALE

AT THE STORE OF  
**HINKLE & CHITTY, ORAN,**

From SATURDAY, July 16, to SATURDAY, July 23.

We are overstocked on Hats, Clothing and Summer Goods and have inaugurated this sale in order to clean up some and make room for our large stock of fall goods, which will begin to arrive some time next month. We must have room for these goods when they arrive, and the following few prices taken from the thousands we haven't space to tell you about mean a saving to you.

CLOTHING.	SPECIAL.	SHIRTS.
We are "long" in this department, having entirely too much summer clothing, and if you want to dress up, this sale is the opportunity of your life. Look at the reductions: Men's three-piece summer suits, formerly sold at \$3.50 to \$5.00, reduced for this sale to only \$2 and \$2.50 Men's three-piece suits that were sold at \$8 and \$10, and well worth the money, will go at \$5.00 All other men's suits go at equally low prices. Great sacrifice in boys' two-piece suits, sold everywhere at from \$1 to \$2.25, reduced for this sale to only \$0.75	We have a few screen doors and windows that we will close out during this sale at a reduction of 25 per cent from former price. If you are troubled with the pesky house-fly or the damned mosquito now is your chance to keep 'em out. <b>STRAW HATS.</b> The remainder of our men's boys', misses', and children's straw hats will be reduced during this sale fifty per cent. We don't want to carry them over, and realizing that we have only a short time in which to sell them, we have forgotten all about profit and will close them out at almost your own price.	All our summer shirts that we have been selling at from 65c to \$1.15 have been reduced to half price. It would pay you to buy shirts now for use next summer. <b>Farmers!</b> It is to your interest to investigate our prices on Hay Bakes, Plows, Wheat Drills, Harrows and other farming implements that are needed at this season. We have disc riding plows, riding sulky plows, disc harrows, gang plows, wagons and buggies that we purchased in car-load lots and are selling cheaper than all competitors, quality considered.

Our stock of Harness, Plow Gears, etc., is complete and our prices are such that we surpass all competition. Don't forget our Building Supplies, Lumber of all kinds, Sash and Doors. We will treat you right in this line.

Don't miss this sale or you will miss one of the greatest opportunities of your life to lay in a supply of first-grade goods at ridiculously low prices.

**Hinkle & Chitty, - - Oran.**

## TWO MORE WEEKS OF THE Great Wheat Threshing Sale!

I have only two weeks more to stay, and during that time goods must go out at some price. I name you a few prices and everything goes the same all the way down.

Star Tobacco, per plug	40c	Olive Chilled No. 40 points	25c
Meat and Lard, per pound	8 1/2c	All Vulcan Chilled points	30c
Granulated Sugar	18 lbs. for \$1.00	Copper Wash Boilers, were \$3, now	\$2.25
Jelly Glasses, per dozen	25c	Shovels and Spades	25c to 50c
Tomatoes and Corn, per can	8 1/2c	Men's regular \$1 and \$1.25 suits	underwear will go at 50c and 75c
Layton's Baking Powder, per can	8 1/2c	Your pick out of \$2.50 and \$3.50	pants for \$2.00
Good Coffee, was 20c and 25c lb., now	15c	\$1.25 to \$2 pants	\$1.00
All sizes wire nails, per keg	\$2.45	75c and \$1.00 pants	50c
All Sherwin-Williams paints, gal.	\$1.40	Your pick out of full \$10 and \$15	Suits for \$7.00
All Derby paints, per gallon	80c	All \$7.50 and \$10 suits	\$5.50
Oliver Chilled Plows, No. 40	\$7.00		
Vulcan Chilled No. 14 Plows	\$7.00		
" No. 12 "	\$6.50		

Shoes, Dry Goods, Hats, etc., will all go at cost and below.

Come on Everybody and Help me Unload.

**A. Baudendistel, - - Kelso.**