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H. HELLER, MANAGER.

During his speech to the editors yesterday, Alton B. Parker, democratic candidate for president, said: "Extravagance is running riot in federal, state and municipal governments, in spite of the well-directed effort of some excellent officials. The indebtedness of municipal governments is steadily piling up. Bond issues are increasingly frequent, and the people have not the satisfaction in many instances of a full equivalent in improvements for the money expended. And the federal government is leading in the race of great expenditures. Ere long the people will demand a reform in administration expenses. And they will do it now if they are made to appreciate the whole truth. The democratic party is not a machine. It is a body of citizens who believe that on the whole its fundamental principles are best adapted to the conduct of the government."

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IS STILL ON

Fight for City Attorney Wages

Three Councilmen Failed to Appear Last Night—Continued Session Broken—
Special Session Tonight.

The question of who shall be the city attorney of Decatur, is still unsettled and the outcome is as much a puzzle as ever. When the session of Wednesday night quit work it was only for a recess and with the understanding that business would be resumed again at eight o'clock last evening. When that hour came last night Mayor Coffee and three councilmen, Gaffer, Porter and Kirsch were present, lacking but one for a quorum, but that one failed to appear, those absent being Teeple, Fordyce and Buhler. After waiting until nearly ten o'clock Mayor Coffee entered the fact upon the docket that the quorum was not present and the continued session was thus broken. It will be impossible to elect a city attorney now until the next regular meeting, Sept. 20th, but Mayor Coffee has issued a special call for the council to meet tonight, when some action will be taken upon the matter. Some other matters of importance are also to come up, among them being the extending of the electric light line to Bell View farm, four patrons for electric lights having been secured.

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RIGHTS OF LABOR

Several Important Cases In Which Judge Parker Stood Consistently For Labor's Rights.

A number of important laws affecting labor were before the courts of New York for adjudication while Judge Parker was on the bench, and all of his opinions asserted the right of the state to legislate for better conditions among its wage-earning classes. The Republican press has criticised some of those decisions and has intimated that they were made for partisan effect, but the independent legal thought of the country has endorsed them, both on account of their consistency and their just and equitable conclusions.

One of the first and most important cases that came before Judge Parker's court was in relation to the law which required that contractors on public work should pay their employees not less than the prevailing rate of wages. A street improvement contractor in the city of New York had failed to comply with this provision of his contract and the comptroller refused to issue a warrant for the amount due, holding that he had not complied with his contract. The court of appeals held the law, so far as it related to such a case, unconstitutional, but a dissenting opinion was written by Judge Parker in which he defended the law as a proper exercise of legislative power.

In 1896 the so-called "convict-made goods label act" was passed. It required all goods made by convict labor in any penal institution to be labeled "convict made" before being sold or exposed for sale within the state. The law was undoubtedly aimed at convict-made goods of other states, since the products of convict labor of New York could not under the constitutional provision be placed upon the market. This law was held by the court of appeals to be unconstitutional, because it was an attempt to regulate interstate commerce and thus violative of the commerce clause of the federal constitution. Judges Bartlett and Parker wrote dissenting opinions, insisting that the act was a proper exercise of legislative power. The true purpose of the law was tersely stated by Judge Parker in the following language:

"This statute neither prohibits nor attempts to prohibit other states or citizens of other states from putting prison-made goods upon our markets, nor does it prohibit our own citizens from buying or selling them; if it did, then, concededly, the statute would be in violation of the commerce clause of the federal constitution and void; it simply requires that prison-made merchandise shall be so branded that our citizens shall know where the goods they are buying were made."

Another case before the court grew out of rivalry between two labor organizations and has led to much comment. Charles McQueed, a member of the National Protective Association of Steam Fitters and Helpers, a corporation organized under the laws of New York, brought an action on behalf of himself and his fellow-members to restrain the board of delegates and certain individuals, members of the board of delegates and of the Enterprise Association of Steam Fitters and of the Progress Association of Steam Fitters and Helpers, from preventing the employment of the plaintiffs, and from coercing their discharge by any employer, through threats, strikes, or otherwise, and to recover damages.

Judge Parker wrote the prevailing opinion of the court and in it he lays down in the most comprehensive terms the rule that members of a labor union have not only the right to refuse to work with others, but that it does not affect their right because the reason given does not seem adequate to other people so long as the object to be attained is a legal one. He says: "Stated in other words, the propositions quoted recognize the right of one man to refuse to work for another on any ground that he may regard as sufficient, and the employer has no right to demand a reason for it. But there is, I take it, no legal objection to the employee's giving a reason, if he has one, and the fact that the reason given is that he refuses to work with another who is not a member of his organization, whether stated to his employer or not, does not affect his right to stop work, nor does it give a cause of action to the workmen to whom he objects because the employer sees fit to discharge the man objected to rather than lose the services of the objector."

A Legal Puzzle.
Curious comments by a judge, even in the presence of the prisoner, though extremely rare, are not unprecedented. Mr. Justice Maule once addressed a phenomenon of innocence in a smock frock in the following words: "Prisoner at the bar, your counsel thinks you innocent; the counsel for the prosecution thinks you innocent; I think you innocent. But a jury of your own countrymen, in the exercise of such common sense as they possess, which does not seem to be much, have found you guilty, and it remains that I shall pass upon you the sentence of the law. That sentence is that you be kept in imprisonment for one day, and as that day was yesterday you may now go about your business."

The unfortunate rustic, rather scared, went about his business, but thought law was an uncommonly puzzling business.—London Tit-Bits.

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Pleasant Mills.

The infant daughter of Ira Steele is quite sick.

Austin Archer of Ft. Wayne spent the past week here with relatives.

Miss Minta Ritter is still quite poorly, and not able to be around yet.

Oran Fortney and family visited Sunday in Fort Wayne, the guests of friends.

Frank Winans and family, of Monroeville, visited a few days with friends.

Mrs. Rosko Matthewson and niece are making an extended visit with relatives and friends in Chicago.

Pleasant Mills is on the boom, as quite a number have negotiated for lots and contemplated building in the near future.

Harvey and Willis Brewer, of Elgin, Ohio, visited the past week here with their father, B. F. Brewer and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Ada, Ohio, former residents of this place, and principal instructor of the Pleasant Mills schools, called on old friends here last week.

Charles Yager and family are moving to our burg this week. Charley is tired of farm life and intends from now on to be a full-fledged Pleasant Millsite.

The Harmount family Uncle Tom's Cabin will exhibit here under canvas next Thursday evening, Sept. 8th. As this will be a high-class entertainment, don't miss the opportunity of attending. Come out and enjoy the evening and witness the free band concert in the evening, under the leadership of Prof. A. L. Harmount.

Berne Items.

School commenced here Monday with a full attendance.

Jacob Branneman went to Fort Wayne, Tuesday, on business.

Isaac Emery, who has been quite sick is able to be around again.

The Saints are holding meetings here under a large tent, and all are cordially invited.

The present outlook is very good for a big crowd at Petoskey, Mich., and other points next Tuesday.

Harry and Rafe Imbode came home from a visit to Elwood and other towns they visited last week.

At the homes of Charles Wright and Chris Martz they are rejoicing over the arrival of two new democrats.

Rev. and Mrs. Koenig returned home Monday, after a week's stay at Van Wert Ohio, renewing old acquaintances.

From indications there will be a big crowd from here go to Portland tomorrow to see the next congressman nominated.

Miss Myrtle Wilson returned home from Scott, Ohio, Saturday, where she had been calling on friends and relatives.

Mrs. Pfeifer and Etta Atkinson of near Salimonia, were visiting their sister Mrs. Dr. C. H. Schenk a few days last week.

Noah Wulliman came home from Martinsville last week, feeling much better than when he went to that institution some three or four weeks previous.

Senator L. V. Ulery, of Fort Wayne, was looking up his oil holdings hereabouts Tuesday. The

senator is one of the nicest and best democrats in this neck of the woods.

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