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**That Enough Votes of Several Candidates Will Go To Parker to Secure His Nomination on Second Ballot at United Action Yet On Second Place.**  
Louis, July 6.—Parker's strong position remains unshaken. The opposition has made many assaults during the day but has apparently made no impression. The solid and substantial phalanx of the New York State has withstood all efforts of the friends of other candidates and is apparently stronger than ever. Assurance of accessions from instructed delegations after the first ballot have been received from men who are now pledged to other candidates, which the Parker adherents say insures a nomination on the second ballot.  
All day long the anti-Parker men have tried to offer a candidate who would unite a third of the delegates to have a rallying point when commentary ballots have been cast for favorite sons. The impossibility of doing this has been manifest and the most zealous opponents of Parker concede his probable nomination not later than the second ballot.  
The Parker opposition was disturbed, but not routed, by the action of Pennsylvania Tuesday night. The vote of that state has been for weeks placed in the Parker column and are a part of the 500 odd votes that have been claimed for him. They were not instructed, however, and if they could have been secured for any other candidate it would have been a serious loss to the Parker interests.  
Criticism of the action of Pennsylvania has been free and harsh among some of the anti-Parker men, but others say that a proposition made by one of the Pennsylvania leaders is quite fair. It is stated that after the action of the Pennsylvania delegation, a member of the delegation held a conference with some of the anti-Parker leaders and said that Pennsylvania, notwithstanding the endorsement of Parker, would give 68 votes to any Eastern candidate—with the exception of Hearst—upon whom the opposition could concentrate with enough pledged votes, which together with the 68 votes of Pennsylvania would make two votes more than one-third of the convention.  
Among the candidates named who would be satisfactory were Pattison of Pennsylvania, Gorman of Maryland, Gray of Delaware, Harmon of Ohio, Wney of Massachusetts and Coler of New York.  
Upon this proposition some of the

conclusion has been reached regarding the vice presidency. Several names have been mentioned and one or two active candidates are in the field. The friends of former Senator Turner of Washington believe that he may be nominated.  
Several Northwestern delegations from the intermountain country are to be thrown for Judge Parker in anticipation of reciprocity from those most interested in Parker's nomination. Thus far no sign has been given by the leaders that a candidate will be sought on the Pacific coast.  
In fact some men who will add strength to the ticket in Illinois and Indiana is wanted and if a satisfactory man can be found in either of these states he will undoubtedly have good support.  
The suggestion has been made that David S. Rose of Wisconsin might be selected, but that state refuses to have him considered for fear that anything of the kind might be considered as disloyal to E. O. Wall as presidential candidate.  
Benjamin F. Shiveley and John W. Kern of Indiana and David R. Francis of Missouri have been mentioned in connection with the second place, but no effort has been made to secure consideration for any of them.  
**NATIONAL COMMITTEE.**  
Concurred in Report of Sub-Committees on Contests.  
St. Louis, July 6.—The national committee held what in all probability will be its last meeting. The reports of sub-committees appointed to hear contests in the states of Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maine, New Jersey, Ohio, South Dakota and the District of Columbia were heard and concurred in. These reports in every instance recommended the placing on the temporary roll call of the convention of the contestants. Not one contest was successful.  
The majority of these will go before the committee on credentials. In the Illinois case, which is by far the largest and most important, the committee submitted a report which, omitting a brief statement of the nature of the different contests, reads as follows:  
"It is the opinion of the committee that the national committee in cases like the present should recognize the credentials of the regular officers of the only state convention held. In some of the congressional districts there was evidence to show that questionable methods prevailed. In some cases it appears that delegates selected

## FALSE WITNESSES

A Sermon by Rev. H. D. Bacon of the Presbyterian Church

### ALL SHOULD READ AND HEED

Text, Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness Against Thy Neighbor.—Exodus: XX-16.

This is more than a command not to swear falsely in a court of justice. It aims at slander and misrepresentation of every sort. It seeks to elevate the truth and make it the one thing which men shall seek to tell and teach and practice. Now there are very few men who would stand in the presence of a judge or jury and deliberately swear falsely against the neighbor. Deliberate lies are not so very abundant as they are occasionally found. But the world is alive with people who are breaking these commandments every day they live. This commandment is broken whenever we excuse or permit others or ourselves to believe what is not true or may not be true concerning any man. That is a brand declaration, but I believe that the objects of our text include that.

There are many people who go around with no more respect for the truth than they have for a lie. They tell this or that or any other thing of any man or about any man with an easy indifference as to what may be the outcome and an utter ignorance of facts. In this class are found some of the best people in church and society, men and women who would deny with indignation the accusation of being false witnesses, men and women who would be honest and honorable in a business deal which involved dollars and cents and yet in a deal which involves character and reputation of neighbors their dishonesty knows no limit. I tell you friends the tongue of the slanderer is truly described by James in his epistle: "It is a devouring fire which tarnishes whatever it touches. It exercises its fury upon the good as well as the bad. It degrades and destroys sacred and profane secular and religious. It leaves desolation and ruin. It turns into vile ashes even the most beautiful things in the world and makes a happy human life a desolation and a desert. You have read of the horror of that east river calamity when happy men, women and children were swept on to a terrible death in a few brief moments. A small thing is thought to have been the cause of all that death and devastation. So one small, slanderous lie one bit of false witnessing may work wreck and ruin which will not stop until whole homes are laid waste and human hearts are wounded and bleeding. Every community has its fiendish few who delight in this satanic work, and are ever ready to start the fire and fan it to life and feed its flames with fuel. It is no difficult matter to put your finger on them. They are soon located and those who let sense rule them never give weight to any testimony which comes from their lips. Civil law stands shoulder to shoulder with the ninth commandment and says, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor," and it would add to the moral and social health of every community if the law was more rigidly enforced, and it would place the slanderous liar on a criminal basis with the thief and murderer and there is where he belongs.

But I am sure none of us are deliberate false witnesses against our neighbors. I am sure I hope no church in Andover has a deliberate and premeditated slanderer in its congregation. I hope we can all thus far say, "This is not for me." Yes, but this commandment reaches farther than this. It means more than thou shalt not say about a man that which thou knowest to be untrue. We bear false witness in passing on the evil word spoken by another; in sitting in silence while another tells that which we know is untrue; damning with faint praise in making statements about others which we do not know to be true; in refusing to say what we can for every man who ever or whatever he may be. Oh! there are a hundred ways in which we may have a hand in dragging men down and yet tell no deliberate lie about them. There are hundreds of ways in which we may bear false witness against our neighbor and yet tell no direct untruth. It is easy to twist the truth. It is easy to use half truth instead of whole truth. It is easy to set in silence while a statement is made which we know is untrue tho it defames the name of a fellow man. How many people are there to-day who will believe a man guilty just as soon as he is accused of a misdemeanor or. How few there are who will stand out boldly in his defense until he is proven guilty by facts. It needs only one to point the finger of intimation at a man and his friends for defense are few but his accusers are a multitude. Silence may speak more than words could say against a fellow man while one word of defense may work miracles in winning justice for a stumbling fellow creature. We may thank God we cannot bear the silent thoughts which linger in men's minds. Few friends would be left on earth; few men would have a decent reputation; few women would be called virtuous and few homes would be happy. It is as easy to misrepresent by silence as by words. Slander would not live had it no abiding place. If men would not listen to its vile talk with no word of defense. Some one has said that there would not be so many open mouths if there were not so many open ears. It is a mighty

truth, and often ears which listen to false witnesses are false witnesses themselves in God's sight. This is a thing which we must fight against, men and women. In my own experience it is the hardest thing to conquer. We must learn to weigh facts, to cast out fiction and to seek only the bold truth. Christian churches get into the sad habit of disparaging one another, of misrepresenting each other and making the world to think that they are slandering each other. Romanism and Protestantism have been bearing false witness against each other for years and thank God to-day they are beginning to know it. The one question in your mind and mine should be, "How much of truth is there in this?" The truth which is substantiated and proved up by undeniable facts that we may believe, but all else which is questionable let us fling to the far winds.

Now this commandment is not without reason and good cause to back it. We know that slander is might but tongue murder. We know that a good reputation is one of the most valuable things on earth. We know that one of the greatest injuries a man can do another is to spoil that reputation and blacken it. A false witness on the stand before a jury can work harm which all the honesty and purity of man cannot overcome. Dreyfus, that brave soldier of France, who, we believe was an upright soldier, a good husband, a pure man. That man in the hands of false witnesses was made to suffer disgrace which with its agony few men can know. Woe unto the man whom false witnesses get after. He is sure to suffer and fall into disgrace. False witnesses sent even the guileless Christ to the cross. This is one great and good reason for this commandment. He who violates it pollutes and tarnishes and spoils the finest and best possession of his fellow man, and that one who violates this commandment lowers and weakens and wrecks their own manhood or womanhood. There is nothing so degenerating as gossip or slander. No man or woman in the true sense of the term would deliberately bear false witness against their neighbor. Truthfulness is one of the finest and surest tests of true character in the world. No man who respects the truth and honors the truth is a hopeless case. But this vile slander and falsehood pours its poison into the system. The pure blood is weakened and made degenerate; the whole man or woman is made lower in aspirations and tastes. There are some poisons you know which cannot be tested they are so deadly that one drop injected into the veins produces death in a few seconds, and yet no chemical science can separate that drop from the blood and stop the poison. Slander of the more delicate kind is of a similar nature. It cannot be analyzed or separated and revealed but it's there and does its deadly work of wrecking manhood and womanhood. And this awful thing called slander and false witnessing grows in its power on men's lives. Some one has said that a sharp tongue is the only edged tool that grows sharper by use. Men and women, we must remember this command of the Lord our God and seek to keep it in the smallest detail, as we will come to break it in its largest and most significant sense. We must seek to say nothing on earth we would not have repeated in Heaven. We must learn to say nothing behind a man's back that we would not say to his face. I care not who or what the man may be, some of us have an idea that as Christians it is our duty to be continually whipping the world's man with our tongues; that we must proclaim the sinner's sins and uncover his vices. If we could only learn to uncover every man's virtues and goodness this would be a happier world. We know so little about men that it is unsafe for us to say ought about them of evil. It is a good thing to make a

practice of praising others. I do not mean to flatter others but to praise the good in them. It would make men happier and better and holier if this could be done, and it can be done if we will but do it. Men's goodness is rarely ever reported by the tongues of evil men. We are on the safe side always if we tell all the good we hear and know about men. This is a Christian duty. This is God's commandment and I hope that it may be revealed unto us in all of its broad significance. I wish that every one of us might look into our own hearts and lives on this holy day and find out how closely we are keeping this ninth commandment. We all need to study self well, and if we do we will find that some where some time we have in some way made the sad mistake of bearing false witness against our neighbor. May God give us, who are members of his parish, the grace to speak the truth and defend the truth and honor the truth, for on the whole truth and nothing but the truth stands the foundation of all personal character. He, who dishonors this ninth commandment, lowers his manhood, weakens his character and stands a chance of wrecking many a human life. Therefore I beseech you friends let us seek with our whole hearts to honor this law of the Lord our God, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

**STOUT FAMILY REUNION.**  
Held at the Home of Mrs. S. A. Dyer.  
The second annual reunion of the Stout family was held at the home of Mrs. S. A. Dyer, Friday, July 1st.  
The hours were greatly enjoyed visiting and eating, after which a meeting was called. Mrs. Dyer, who in her 91st year, told in an exceedingly interesting manner the early history of the family and incidents leading to their settlement, 32 years ago, in the town of Independence. Select readings were given by Miss Mary Stout and Mrs. Samuel Clarke. Business meeting was held and officers elected for the ensuing year.  
There were present, of honorary guests; Mrs. Jane Cunningham, Mrs. Sylvia Mourhouse and son Charles, and Miss Francis Ainsworth of Andover, and of the relatives about sixty from Andover, Belmont, Canaseraga, Edmeston, Elm Valley, Hallsport, Independence, Shongo, Stanards, Wellsville, N. Y., Philadelphia and Westfield, Pa.

**ANOTHER INDUSTRY.**  
Glass Novelty Works Choose Andover as a Favorable Site.  
Wm. DeVault of Olean, thru the efforts of J. C. Green, has decided to locate a glass novelty works in this place. He has rented buildings on railroad avenue and expects the goods here the last of this week. He will begin work as soon as settled and buildings are in proper shape and will employ a few hands.  
He is a glass blower of many years experience and comes to Andover highly recommended. The News bespeaks for him the best of success in his enterprise and joins with Andover people in extending a welcoming hand.  
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