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HON. BENJAMIN T. HOLDEN FOR CONGRESS

Many of the friends of Hon. B. T. Holden are urging him to become an active candidate for Congress from this district to oppose Hon. Edward W. Pou, in the coming campaign. Recently some of his friends were in Raleigh and in discussing Mr. Holden's candidacy the following article appeared in the News-Observer:

"Friends of Mr. Benjamin T. Holden, who were here from Louisburg yesterday, stated that Mr. Holden would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in his district in the next primary. Mr. Holden is a prominent member of the Louisburg bar and many friends recently



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urged his appointment as judge, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Cooke. These friends of Mr. Holden believe that Franklin should have some representation in the district, and they say that they are going to make a strong fight in the interest of Mr. Holden for the nomination for Congress."

Upon seeing the above article the editor of the TIMES called on Mr. Holden to learn his attitude and was informed that although he had not given the matter any serious consideration, he was first a citizen of Franklin County and of the Fourth Congressional District, and next a Democrat, which we accepted to mean that if the people were really in earnest in his behalf he would probably consider their wishes ahead of his own.

Mr. Holden is especially well fitted for a position of the responsibilities that go with representation in Congress. He is easily one of the State's ablest lawyers, is familiar with public matters and public needs. He is a Democrat of the truest Jeffersonian kind, and is progressive and patriotic in every instance. He is a speaker of rare ability, able at all times to cope with any situation or occasion and delights most in contact with opposing factions. He is a man who sees the side of the working man and is not afraid to stand firm in his behalf, and is a firm believer in the old adage "If at first you don't succeed try again." If Mr. Holden will consent to enter the race and should be elected, which no doubt he would be, the Fourth district would feel proud of his work and apologies would be entirely out of order.

Mr. Holden is a young man fully capable and deserving of this high honor and responsibility.

To Arrive at Raleigh Today.

From a telegram received from a member of Co. D, 3rd N. C. N. G. in Louisburg on Tuesday it was learned that they took breakfast at Memphis, Tenn., that morning, dinner at Nashville and supper at Chattanooga that night, and expected to arrive at Atlanta some time during the night. The telegram also stated that they expected to reach Raleigh early Friday morning.

In the early part of the week it was given out that the war department had rescinded the orders to muster out the remaining National Guard but to keep them at the local stations to await further orders. Later information shows that the War Department has changed these orders and the mustering out will proceed if conditions don't arise that will bring about a change of policy.

White Sale, March 30th.

Everyone is again urged to remember the "White Sale" to be held, Friday, March 30th, at the vacant store in the Ford and Hall building next door to Mr. Wholes' Clothing Store. Be sure to contribute some article for the sale whether you are a member of the Woman's Club or not. If you have flowers of any kind, cuttings, bulbs, etc., be sure to send these. If you will contribute toward the luncheon Mrs. White at once and she will be glad to tell you what she

needs. Will you show your interest in the cemetery by contributing, and then coming down for as much of the day as you can. We need and expect the cooperation of every person in Louisburg.

Defendant Discharged.

In the trial of State vs Prof. E. C. Harris, of the faculty of the Graded School, for an assault on Rob Alston, a pupil, before Esquire W. E. Uzzell on Monday, the defendant was discharged. A jury was empaneled in this case but after being out for a long while and after learning that they were hopelessly divided, being half and half, the Magistrate rendered the decision.

This case created quite a lot of interest and was postponed several times and removed once.

Remember!

Just one week before the "White Sale," where beautiful and attractive gifts for Easter remembrances, or for individual use will be for sale. The sending of gifts at Easter is rapidly coming into general usage, so take this opportunity to remember that friend you have been wanting to send some token of your love.

—Attorney S. A. Newell has moved his law offices from over the Tar River Drug Co., to the offices over Aycock Drug Co.

ADDRESS OF SENATOR W. M. PERSON

On the Floor of the Senate of North Carolina in Behalf of the Franklin County Educational Bill.

February 15, 1917.

The Senator from Franklin:

Mr. President: I desire to call from the Calendar that bill that has been sleeping now nearly forty days, the Franklin County Educational Bill. I deem that this is the proper time and moment for that bill to receive its death blow, or to be brought into the light of eternal day.

Mr. President and fellow Senators: In the language of old Mazepa:

"Time at last sets all things even: And if we do but watch the hour, There never yet was human power, Which could evade, if unforgiven, The patient search and vigil long, Of him who treasures up a wrong."

I have sat in silence here oftentimes lately and beheld the spirit of Democracy assassinated. Here! Here! In the Senate and State of North Carolina!

Mr. President and fellow Senators, we were sent here to represent the intelligence, the patriotism, and the grand Democracy of the people of North Carolina. That is what we are here to do; what we ought to do; what we are supposed to be doing, but whether or not that is a violent presumption, I leave to your calmer judgment.

A new school of thought has developed itself within these Halls. It is the same old principle that the peo-

ple are not fit to govern themselves; have spoken in strange tones to the Democracy of his district; for he says that, although he made twenty-five speeches he never referred to the fact that the people have the right to rule, and the right to a voice in the Halls of the Legislature, and then he comes up here, and presses the policy that says, "the people be damned," for they are not fit to have a voice in the matter of education.

Mr. President, we have come to the parting of the ways—to the parting of the ways of Democratic government and tyranny. We must decide this day where we stand; whether or not you will take from the people of North Carolina; whether or not you will take from the Democrats of Franklin County the right of local self-government.

There are no Republicans in Franklin County except a few that are just waiting to catch a postoffice dropped from a Republican administration.

My fellow Senators: My colleague the Senator from my district, Dr. Ross, and myself, are here by the unanimous vote of our district. Everybody voted for us. There was not a voice or vote against our coming here, except a few cuckoos from the Central Board of Education.

Then, sirs, are we to be denied by men who say the people are not to be trusted, such as the Senator from



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ple are not fit to govern themselves; it is the same voice that has been speaking in the Halls of Legislatures for the last hundred and forty years more or less; the same principle of Commodore Vanderbilt expressed, when he said, "the people be damned."

Sirs, whether that monstrous doctrine shall be killed, or whether it shall be nourished, depends upon the patriotic action of the members of this Senate. I, for one, will always proclaim that the people ought to rule, nay, more, that the people shall rule, for I believe that the voice of the people is the voice of God.

And I want to sound a note of warning to the infidels and atheists of the Democratic party, who say that the people have no right of local self-government, that the people have no right to regulate their own affairs.

Sirs, we witnessed a great tragedy here last Friday. When the bill of the Senator from Northampton came up, a bill to allow his people to elect their own County Board of Education, I saw Senators, to my utter dismay, sworn to represent the people, vote against it.

The Senator from Cumberland must

Vance—God save the name!

The shade of Vance would pale to know that the man who represents the county named for him would say that the people are not fit to rule themselves.

Mr. President, and gentlemen of the Senate: I say the time has come when we have to come to the parting of the ways. You have got to tell the people of North Carolina whether you stand for local self-government or not; whether you think the people are fit to rule, or not; and you have got to tell them upon this bill.

The Senator from Vance:

Mr. President: The President of the Senate: Does the Senator from Franklin yield to the Senator from Vance?

The Senator from Franklin:

Mr. President: I decline to be interrupted. When I have finished, I will stand up here and answer any questions you may ask me.

I wish to refer again to the great tragedy we witnessed here last Friday, when we saw the cuckoos from the Department of Education override and overrule the very flower of the spirit of Democracy that was manifested here. Gentlemen, their own species

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J. R. COLLIE ELECTED SUPT. OF STATE PRISON

On Thursday of last week at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the State Prison in Raleigh, Mr. James R. Collie, who for the past four years has been Chief Clerk to the House Claims Committee of the National Congress appointed by Hon. E. W. Pou, was elected Superintendent of the State Prison to succeed Supt. James S. Mann. His term of office begins April 1st and is for four years.

Mr. Collie is especially fitted for this important position as he has had many years of experience in all branches of farm work and many years in the business life of his community fitting him well for the duties of Super-



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intending the State farms and penal institution. He has a high regard for the proper punishment of the criminal for the violation of a law, but is humanitarian enough to see that even the worst criminals get their rights. It is to his administration that will put into effect the recommendations of the recent General Assembly and none of his friends doubt his ability to bring about better conditions with honor to himself and his State.

His appointment is no doubt a complimentary action in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee in the past campaign.

At the College.

The following programme will be rendered at the recital at the College on Monday night, to which the public is invited:

"How a Woman Keeps a Secret"—A Comedy in One Act—Dupont—Miss House.

"As You Like It"—Act I. Scene III.—Shakespeare—Miss White.

"The Red Fox"—Musical Illustration—Brown—Miss House.

"A Call to Arms"—A Military Comedy, in one act—Newton—Miss White.

"Cigarette's Ride and Death"—A Story—Ouida—Miss House.

Piano Solo—"The Old Cloister Clock"—Kunkle—Miss Allen.

"The Great White Spirit"—A Story—Leavitt—Miss White.

Duologue—"Two Jolly Girl Bachelors"—Seymour—Misses White and House.

Dixon-Herbert Spectacle Coming.

A magnificent spectacle in which the most popular author and the most eminent composer in America collaborated will be seen in "The Fall of a Nation," at the Star Theatre, on Friday and Saturday, April 13th and 14th.

Thomas Dixon, author of "The Clansman," "The Birth of a Nation" and other famous works, wrote and directed the film, whilst delightful and entertaining Victor Herbert composed the music.

The result of their joint efforts is a grand opera cinema that presents in a big, epoch-making way the origin and destiny of the American Republic. No other picture equals its truly wonderful depiction of Twentieth Century war. Withal the love story is a fascinating one, the comedy episodes are thoroughly amusing, and the acting will satisfy the most exacting lovers of sterling dramatic art.

Bunn High School Notes.

Our school is taking on new life with the spring. A few of our pupils have had measles, but they are all well now. Our attendance is better this month than it has been for two or three.

Miss Rochelle Pippin resumed her work Monday, after being out two weeks on account of measles.

Both teachers and students are getting busy now. County commencement, county examinations and our own commencement.

The preliminary contest for Dunns township will be held at our school Friday afternoon. Several of the schools in this township will send representatives.

Our commencement this year promises to be full of life and thought. The program is outlined as follows: Friday night, April 27th, exercises by Primary Grades. Tuesday night, May 1st, Intermediate Grades. Wednesday night, May 2nd, Contest for Medals, High School Department. Thursday Commencement Day. 11 o'clock, Annual Literary Address delivered by Dr. Clarence Poe, Editor of Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, N. C. Thursday afternoon, Declamation Contest, delivery of prizes, diplomas, medals.

Thursday night, the High School Play. We have selected a "Valley Farm", a domestic drama in four acts.

On Wednesday night, April 4th the Oxford Orphan Singing Class will give their concert here. Those who have heard them should not fail to come again. If you have never heard them you should come sure. Don't forget the date.

Repairing Bridge.

Commissioner R. L. Stokes and Supt. C. M. Vaughan with a force of Road hands have been busy the past week repairing the drive way to the new bridge. During the process of this work the traveling public has been using the temporary bridge.

Luncheon at "White Sale."

Come down and bring your family and friends for luncheon at the "White Sale" March 30th. Most appetizing dishes will be served during the entire day. Your patronage will be appreciated, and will add much to the success of the occasion.

Mr. K. A. Perry left Tuesday for Richmond to accompany his wife, who has successfully undergone an operation at a hospital there, home. Their many friends here will be glad to know that Mrs. Perry is sufficiently recovered to return home.