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GRADED SCHOOL FACULTY

School Committee Meets and Re-organizes and Elects Teachers for Coming Year.

The Graded School Committee met in regular session Friday afternoon, May 10, and proceeded to re-organize the committee by the election of the following officers: Chairman, B. B. Price, re-elected; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Geo. I. White, re-elected.

The committee then went into the election of a faculty for the Graded School for the coming year. The following were elected:

Superintendent, I. C. Griffin.
First grade, Miss Maggie Hudgins.
Second grade, Mrs. W. P. Craig.
Third grade, Miss Moffitt Sinclair.
Fourth grade, Miss Lucile Blanton.

Fifth grade, Miss Lilly Giles.
Sixth grade, Miss Edna Duke.
High School Department: Miss Sara Copeland, Mrs. J. L. C. Bird, Miss Nan Guy.

Misses Anderson and Maxwell did not apply for re-election. Miss Anderson has accepted a position elsewhere, and Miss Maxwell, following the advice of her physician, will rest a year. These young ladies were very popular with all their school associates and they will be very much missed.

Miss Edna Duke comes to us from Hamlet, N. C. She is a graduate of the State Normal College, and has had three years of successful experience in teaching. Miss Copeland is also a college graduate and has had several years of experience as principal of the High School Department of the Clinton, S. C. Graded Schools. The other new teachers are well known to all our citizens. Miss Sinclair is now completing her professional course at the State Normal College, and Miss Blanton will attend the Summer Session of eight weeks at the same institution. The other teachers will attend some institute or summer school elsewhere.

The past year has been a very successful one for the school under the efficient management of Prof. I. C. Griffin who has given entire satisfaction to the school committee and the patrons of the school. His re-election will meet with general approval as will also the re-election of the teachers who taught during the past year and whose work has been entirely satisfactory.

General Pension Bill Passes.

Washington, May 10.—The House today agreed, 173 to 57, to the conference report of the general pension bill, providing pensions up to \$1 a day for veterans of the civil and Mexican wars. Many Democrats voted for the bill with the Republicans. Representative Kent of California cast the only Republican vote against it. The bill will increase the pension rolls about \$30,000,000 a year.

President Taft signed the bill Saturday, making it a law.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun insists that Mr. Bryan is an active candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination and says the campaign managers of Clark, Underwood and Harmon so regard him.

1912 GRADUATING CLASS NEBO HIGH SCHOOL



TOP ROW (from left to right)—Winnie Wilson, Eva Stacy, Eddie Young, Ada Brown, Mary Greenlee, Donnie McGimsey.
MIDDLE ROW—Olive Annis, Iowa Sigmon, Vallie Wilson, Olivia Patten.
BOTTOM ROW—Thessa Jamison, Lillian Lonon, Margaret Steppe, Estella Wilson.

Letter from "Bob" Reynolds.

Asheville, N. C., May 6, 1912.
To the Democratic Voters of the Tenth Congressional District:

I take this method of informing my friends throughout the District that on account of being compelled to be present in Asheville, prosecuting the criminal docket of Buncombe County, it will therefore be impossible for me to visit a great many places in the District, as I had hoped to do, and meet and consult with many of my friends between this date and the day of the Primary.

I assure my friends and the voters generally, that this is a great disappointment to me, but being sensible of the duty I owe the public and mindful of the trust reposed in me as a public official, I shall not in the slightest neglect my public duties, even though my candidacy should suffer thereby. Let others do as they may think proper, I shall stay at my post and perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability.

I sincerely thank my many friends throughout the District for the hearty, generous and active support they are giving and will give me at the polls on the day of the primary. The splendid endorsement I have received at the hands of the strongest and ablest workers in our party gives me great encouragement, and I am confident that I shall be selected as the standard bearer of the Democracy of the 10th District.

Should the Democrats of this District place the banner in my hands, I promise that I shall use every honorable means possible to bring success to our party in every county in the District, as well as in the District as a whole. I shall make such a campaign as has never been made before. I shall visit every section, nook and corner of the District and meet you and discuss with you and with the Republican candidate, the issues of the day.

It has been and is being urged against my candidacy that I am youthful and ambitious. I plead guilty to the soft impeachment, and for answer say: I ask no quarter on this ground from any

other aspirant for this honorable position, whose hat is now, or may hereafter be "in the ring." I hope the day will never come when in the ranks of the Democracy of North Carolina, the door for hope of advancement and preferment to high office will be closed to the youthful and ambitious. A party's strength is recruited from the young and ambitious and they ought to be encouraged and welcomed to the ranks of the party.

Confidently relying upon the assurances of support from a host of my friends among the "old war horses of Democracy," as well as the ardent and incessant work of the "young and ambitious" Democrats of the District, I remain,

Faithfully yours,
ROBERT R. REYNOLDS.

Hon. J. M. Gudger, Jr. Endorsed by The Trades Unionist.

The following reference is made to Congressman Gudger in the official organ Center Labor Union of Washington, May the 4th, 1912.

Hon. James M. Gudger, Jr., representing the Tenth District of North Carolina:

It is very important that a great commonwealth like North Carolina shall be represented in Congress by men of ability and influence; and it is particularly so to the interest of labor that such men shall be friendly to labor. Congressman Gudger represents the Tenth district, and he has always manifested a most friendly interest in the labor cause, and is entitled to the support and co-operation of all who have the best interest of labor at heart.

In official and political circles Mr. Gudger is prominent and popular. He is recognized as a loyal friend of organized labor. His record in Congress shows that he has been a consistent supporter of all measures designed for the promotion of the labor interests.

At this critical time in the history of organized labor, when so many measures affecting its future are at issue, it is important to have experienced men whose friendship for organized labor has been tested in Congress.

It is said the apple crop in the county has been badly damaged by blight.

Kindly Deed of Chief Justice Clark.

Raleigh News and Observer.

To the Editor: If you will allow me a little space in your paper to relate to my old comrades an incident that occurred during our Civil War, I will appreciate same very much.

I was a private soldier in Company A, First Regiment North Carolina Junior Reserves. When it was reported that the enemy, in the fall of 1864, were advancing for the recapture of Plymouth our regiment was hurried by a forced march from Tarboro. The marching was very rapid and just before reaching Williamston I was forced through sickness and weariness to drop out. The captain in charge of the rear-guard roughly ordered me back in line, but finally seeing that I could not go, left me to struggle along the best I could. Just about that time the major of my regiment rode up and asked what the trouble was. Finding that my condition was sick and worn out, he first told me to try to get up to camp as we were not going much farther, but after riding a few steps he dismounted and made me get on his horse, and he himself marched on foot the remaining five miles to Williamston. I was very grateful to him then and though I have never met him since I have not forgotten his kindness, and I think that my old comrades and fellow citizens should know who he was. He is now a candidate for the United States Senate and I write this letter without his knowledge. His name is Walter Clark. He was then only a boy of 17 or 18 years, major of my regiment, and the same kindness for the rank and file and sympathy for those who needed assistance when he showed then has marked his career through all of his subsequent life. Knowing him as a young soldier I have naturally observed his public career, and his record shows that he has always stood for the rights of the people, and the protection of the weak. Yours truly,

(Signed) WILLIAM H. RENFREW,
Greenville, N. C.

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LATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

The sum of \$15,000 will be spent by the trustees of Weaverville college in enlarging and improving the college buildings.

A decision has been reached by the Rowan county commissioners to build tarvia roads in the future instead of the old style macadam.

R. B. Sams, internal revenue agent, reports 35 seizures of illicit distilleries in North Carolina and 25 prosecutions for the month of April.

The trustees of Rutherford College, says the Hickory Democrat, have decided not to have any more agitation for removal. The college will stay where it is.

The Asheville Citizen says Mr. Felix Alley, of Swain county, will place Mr. Locke Craig in nomination for Governor at the Democratic State convention.

The grand lodge of Odd Fellows, in session in Raleigh this week, decided to hold its next meeting in Greensboro. Chas. Dewey, of Goldsboro, was elected grand master.

An endorsement of the movement for the appointment of women as judges of juvenile courts was voted at the session of the State Federation of Women's Clubs in session at Winston-Salem last Friday.

Burke, Catawba and Caldwell counties have each appropriated \$250 for a bookworm campaign in each county. The doctors who are managing the hookworm extermination in the State will spend six weeks in each of these counties.

The grand lodge of Odd Fellows, in session at Raleigh last week, voted to increase the appropriation for the maintenance of the orphans' home at Goldsboro by \$5,000, making total allowance \$25,000, raised by a per capita tax on more than 16,000 Odd Fellows in the state.

The Southern Railway is preparing to spend about \$300,000 in Spencer in the near future. The new improvements will consist of a new round-house, coal elevator, new 5,000 horse power electric power plant, new oil house, turntable and several other new buildings.

The trial of A. B. McCall, Beatrice McCall, his wife, George Bradley, "Boney" Bradley and Dan McCall on charges connected with the death of Myrtle Hawkins, whose body is said to have been found in Lake Osceola last September, opens at Hendersonville, the home of all connected, today.

The residence of Col. C. C. Bennett was struck by lightning Saturday in Morganton and burned, none of the contents being saved except a piano. Sunday afternoon the home of Mr. Turner in Morganton was burned, all the contents being saved. This house was also struck by lightning Saturday and the theory is that the stove flue was damaged and that the fire originated in the stove flue.

Andrew Carnegie will give the Methodist church of Hendersonville \$1,000 for a pipe organ if the church will raise a similar amount.