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Contractor D. G. Phipps will turn over the new Graded school building to the building committee the latter part of this week.

The building as it stands is a magnificent structure, equalled by few and surpassed by no school building in Eastern North Carolina, for beauty of structure, of comfort and commodity in arrangement.

The building contains sixteen class rooms that will seat 72 pupils each, making a total accommodation capacity of 1,150 pupils. Every class room has been arranged and constructed with an eye to the convenience and comfort of the pupils.

Besides the class rooms, there is an auditorium on the second floor with a seating capacity of 1,200 to 1,500. This auditorium supplies a long felt need in this city, in having a hall that will seat any large gathering. The superintendent's offices and the waiting rooms are also conveniently arranged to expedite the work of the superintendent and those who visit the school.

With the completion of the building, is the happy realization of a magnificent system of Graded schools in this city, for which Superintendent Sheep has worked with untiring energy.

The building as it now stands has cost about \$5,000. An expenditure of \$2,500 more will be necessary to equip properly the building for school purposes.

Mr. D. G. Phipps of Newport News is the contractor and has shown in the creation of the building a master of the intricate art of fine mechanics.

Mr. Frank Hopkins of this city has superintended the work, and has done it in a manner to prove that he is a master at his trade.

He took the job much doubting his ability to cope with a job so large, to save the work of constructing the building to home workmen. By the masterful manner in which he has handled the work, he has demonstrated that he is capable of superintending any building. This is demonstrated by the fact that Mr. Phipps takes him with him to Morantton to construct a large building there.

WHAR IS DE NIGGER?

Last week a gentleman of this city was in Weeksville section. While there he had a conversation with an intelligent negro who gave his views on the "negro situation."

He is a real philosopher, as the following will show.

Speaking about "we negroes" he said: "From de way I see things now it shorely is gwine to be tough times for de common nigger. Did you see the sheriff just pass with three niggers for the chain gang." He inquired: "Now sir, why am all dis?" so many more criminal niggers now than a few years ago? And too, see dey am all young niggers—most of dem have been to school too, long enough to read and write and have been taught to do right. Now, sir, look over dare at dat Murden farm and 'cross yander on de Creecy farm. See dem big fams about 2500 acres. Not many years ago dem farms were cultivated by nigger tenants. Now look at dem. Every foot of dat land is worked by white folks—all of dem were tenants 15 years ago, but not so now. Dey own every acre dey cultivate. And don't you see how much better de country looks? Now I wants to ax you why dis change. Whar is de nigger?"

"Now sir, here is de way you white folks are figuring, and this is what you is talking 'o you self. You begin in this way. I have been renting my land to the nigger for dese, many years and I see my condition am getting worse and you begin to figure de amount you farm pays by negro tenants and you den look around and see the condition of your farm. Your ditches are filled up, reads are taking the land, and somehow your fences gets in bad condition. It seems de fence (specially near the house gets lower durin the winter) Now when you get done figuring about de nigger you begin figuring another way. Now you say, I am wasting too much time watching after this nigger. Dis time is worth something. Der land is selling high and I can get a good price for it, and the interest will pay better than nigger rent, so you begin to look around for the fellow with a little money enough to secure des bargain and you sell your land to the white tenant. Now sir, I am getting whar I wants to ax you. "Whar is de nigger? He's got to git up and git. He goes to town thinking he can loaf around dere like he does out here in the country and you see de Sheriff coming along with him heading for the chain gang. All this has been brought about by the nigger's cussed laziness."

RIDDLES.

What crosses the water without making a shadow? A sound.

Whw doth a sailor know there's a man in the moon? Because he's been to sea (see.)

What is most like a cat looking out of a thirty story window? A cat looking in one.

What is that which is neither flesh nor bone and yet has four fingers and a thumb? A glove.

When a man falls out of the window what does he fall against? Against his will.

When may a chair be said to hate you. When it can't bear you.

What is that which grows in winter but never in summer and lives with its roots upward? An icicle.

FARM FUNNIGRAPHS.

Pat stole a watch, Mike a cow, and both were arrested. What time is it? Says Mike, Faith, answered Pat, ed Albertson, although he was not a candidate. At the expiration of his

R. B. ALBERTSON FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.

Inasmuch as a new United States district judge will be selected for Washington, in accordance with a recent act of Congress. The Times wishes to mention that connection the name of Hon. R. B. Albertson, one of the superior judges of King County. That he is qualified for the place, as a worthy associate of Judge Cornelius H. Hanford, and that his appointment would give general satisfaction, is entirely clear.

This is most emphatically an instance where the office should seek the man; and it would appear that Judge Albertson, without any solicitation on his own part, is the one jurist whom the people of this part of the State would prefer to see elevated to the district bench. A move to present his name for appointment has taken definite shape, and has been strengthened by endorsements of the highest character.

Fully a score of superior judges throughout the State, his associates on the bench, have written setting forth his qualifications; he has been given the voluntary and unanimous endorsement of the King County legislative delegation at Olympia, comprising eight state senators and sixteen representatives; also from outside of King County the endorsement of twenty-one state senators and twenty-three representatives, including Speaker L. O. Meigs. In endorsements have been offered by leading members of the bar; the chair man of the Republican state central committee; the officers of the Young Men's Republican Club of Seattle; the president of the Seattle Taft Club, and political organizations such as the King County Republican Club and the King County Republican central committee.

While the office now filled so acceptably by Judge Albertson is non-political, as is the newly-created judgeship, it is entirely proper that the political organizations referred to should support him. Throughout his career he has been "in politics" in the very best sense of the term. As a private citizen he has been active in affairs, and as public servant he has been able and faithful—for Judge Albertson has advanced by short stages from a struggling clerk to city attorney, member of the Legislature, speaker of the House of Representatives, and judge of the superior court.

It is twenty-six years since young Albertson, at the age of 24, located in Seattle. He came from Herford, N. C. of Quaker stock his family having lived in his native county since 1670. His father was a soldier, lawyer, judge of the superior court, and United States district attorney, under appointment by President Hayes. In 1881 young Albertson was graduated from the University of North Carolina; he taught school and read law, and in the spring of 1883 he was admitted to the bar by the supreme court of that state. August, 1883, found him in this city, a thriving energetic community of 6,000 people, with which he cast his fortunes, and which he has witnessed develop into the present metropolis.

The future jurist's native resourcefulness is shown by the fact that his first job in this city was that of carrying lumber in the sawmill of the Seattle Lumber & Commercial Company at the foot of Columbia street; and his public spirit is attested by his membership in the volunteer fire department, in which he was active until after the great fire of June 6, 1889, when the paid department was organized. He was on duty as a member of the Home Guard during the anti-Chinese riots and for five years was a member of Company E. He became a newspaper reporter, then a law clerk and stenographer, and in 1886 opened a law office of his own. He became chairman of the Republican county central committee, and held that position at the time John B. Allen was elected delegate to Congress. As city attorney, after the great fire, Albertson drew the first contract for the water system originated by Benegrette Williams; and he initiated and pressed to successful conclusion the condemnation proceedings for widening and straightening the down town streets—a most difficult and perplexing task.

In 1895 he was elected a member of the Legislature from the Sixth Ward, and supported John B. Allen for the United States Senate.

While on a trip to Nome in August 1900, he was nominated without his knowledge for the Legislature from the Sixth and Eighth Wards; was duly elected, and became speaker of the House both at the regular and special sessions.

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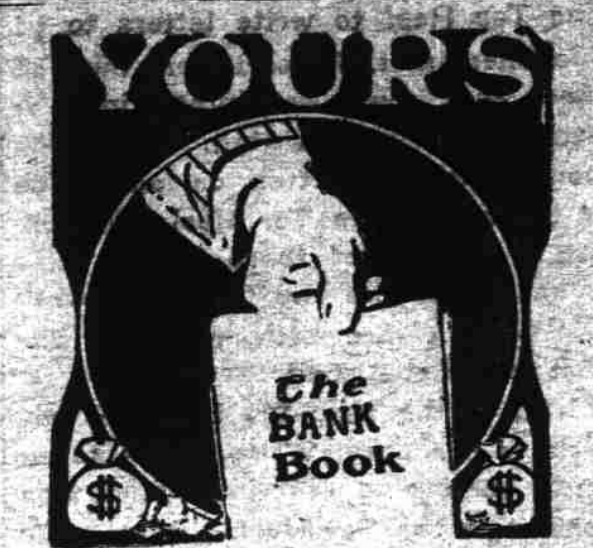
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term, he made no canvass for re-election on the bench, but was nominated by the Republicans and was elected; and last summer he was the choice of the bar primary and the popular primary for the position he continued to hold.

Thus the career of Judge Albertson has closely and intimately identified him with the community in which he lives; and it has been full of honors—in fact, it is a remarkable illustration of what this Western country will do for a young man who as his only capital for a start in life comes with a well-equipped brain and boundless willingness to work.

The Times on its own motion prints the foregoing facts, in the expectation that their publication at this moment will have a bearing on the new judgeship. We have no hesitancy in saying that in the entire state there is no jurist better qualified than is Judge Albertson, through natural endowments, education and experiences, for promotion to the United States district bench. Seattle (Wash. Times).



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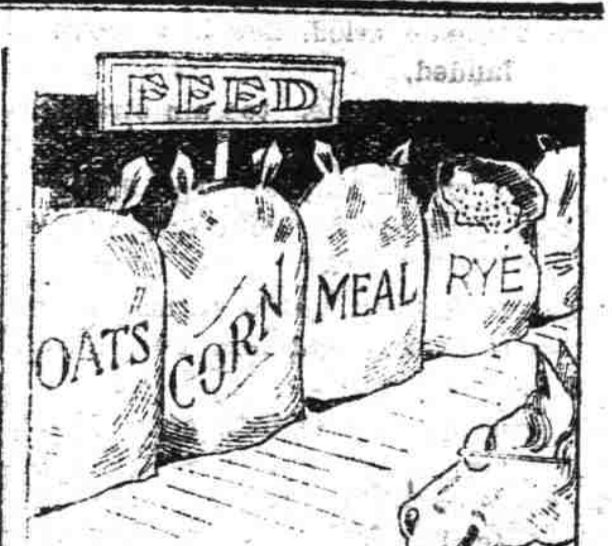
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