

HON. ROBERT D. GILMER.
Attorney General of North Carolina.

earnest work he secured its passage. He has been a member of the board of this institution ever since.

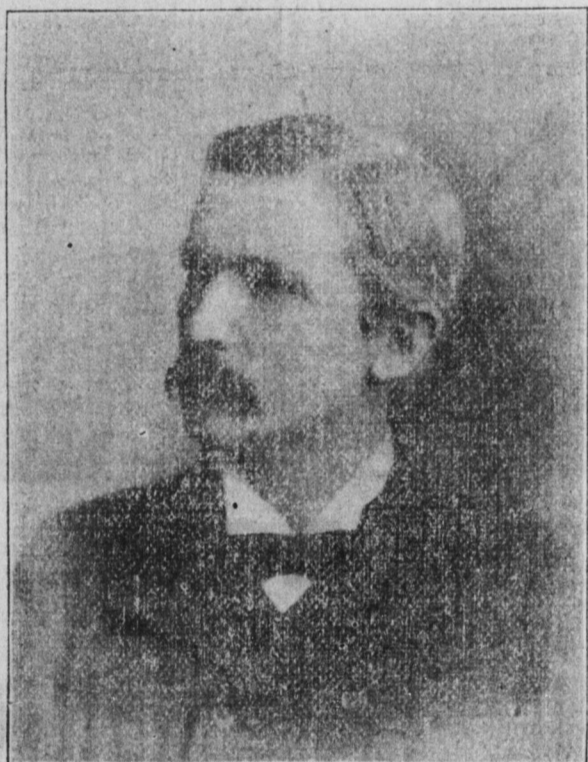
Mr. Gilmer is a trustee of the State University and takes a great deal of interest in the workings and success of that institution.

In 1892 he was again elected a member of the Legislature, and served as chairman of the committee on Corporations and was favorably mentioned by the press of Western North Carolina for Speaker of the House.

During 1894 he was made chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee of the Ninth Congressional District and served his party faithfully and well in that capacity. In 1896 he was the Democratic elector for the Ninth Congressional District. During that memorable campaign remarkable in history as one of the greatest since the days of 1854, Mr. Gilmer made over sixty speeches over a district composed of sixteen counties, extending from Cherokee to Rutherford. This district is an extremely hard one to canvass, as a large portion is off the railroad and is mountainous country.

He was nominated for Attorney General in April 1900, and was elected in the following August, receiving 186,323 votes against 126,519 for Mr. Z. V. Walsler his Republican opponent.

Mr. Gilmer is regarded by the profession as one of the ablest lawyers in Western North Carolina. He is studious, painstaking, industrious. He will move to Raleigh during his term of office and will be the Attorney General of the State, conducting its important litigation as well as appearing in State cases in the Supreme Court. He will put in practice his belief that "public office is a public trust" by devoting himself to the responsible duties of the office to which he has been elected. During his term of office the Governor will have a legal adviser who will be at his post of duty and who will conduct the State's litigation.



HON. P. M. PEARSALL,
Private Secretary to the Governor.

Mr. P. M. Pearsall, Private Secretary, was born near Clinton, Sampson county, August 28th, 1853. He was licensed to practice law in June, 1881, and began to practice at Trenton, Jones county, which he represented with ability in the Legislature. He afterwards moved to Newbern, his present home, where he practiced law in partnership with Hon. F. M. Simmons. He was a delegate to the National Convention in 1896, which nominated Mr. Bryan, and a member of the committee to notify Bryan and Seawell of their nomination. In 1898 and in 1900 he was Secretary of the Democratic State Executive Committee and rendered the party conspicuous service. He is an able lawyer, a sterling Democrat and a gentleman of the highest integrity, and will make an excellent officer.

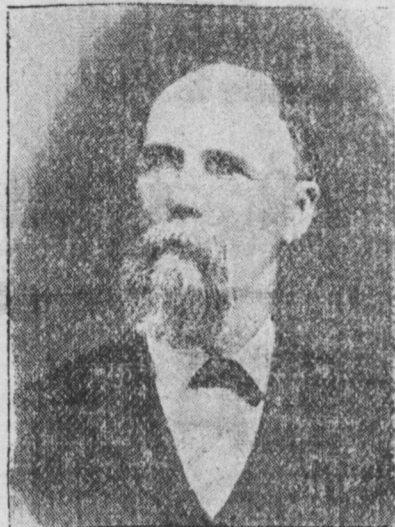
COL. THOMAS F. TOON

Of Robeson, Superintendent of Public Schools of North Carolina.

Thomas F. Toon was born in Columbus county, N. C., June 10, 1840, and reared on the farm. He attended country schools, and graduated at Wake Forest College in 1861 with honor. When war was declared he enlisted in Company K, 20th N. C. Regiment, May 20, 1861, as a private. He officer, then 1st lieutenant, then captain and then colonel—all before he reached his twenty-third year. He was then made brigadier general and assigned to command Johnston's brigade during his absence when wounded. He followed Jackson, Early and Gordon through the war in Virginia and Maryland, received five wounds, and two horses being killed under him. There was no braver man in the Southern army.

After the war, stopping at Concord from sheer exhaustion on his way home, he was cared for by Col. Coleman and the kind people of that town until sufficiently recovered to go to his home. He was a faithful and honored employee of the Atlantic Coast Line for sixteen years and then resigned to take charge of Fair Bluff Academy at his home. He married in 1867, Miss Carrie Smith, raised two boys, both trusted railroad men now, and

three girls, one married Mr. O. L. Rowland in Warren county, the 2d a widow and the third unmarried. In 1891 he married Mrs. R. C. Ward and moved to Lumberton in Robeson county, and devoted himself to teaching in institutes and public schools and farming. He is one teacher who can make a living at farming. Col. Toon brings to his office vigor of body and intelligence of mind, experience in life and good common sense. He will make an able, capable and useful officer. His heart is in his work. He is clean, honest, upright and will more than meet the high expectations of his friends. His elevation to high office is an example of the office seeking the man.



HON. THOS. F. TOON.



HON. HENRY B. VARNER,
Commissioner of Labor of North Carolina.

Mr. Henry Branson Varner, of Davidson, was born on April 12th, 1870, and received his nomination on April 12th, 1900, as a birth-day present. Mr. Varner was born on a farm and enjoyed no educational advantages except those offered in the public schools of his neighborhood. He worked on the farm and attended short term country schools, until he was nearly grown when he became an agent of Pomona Hill Nurseries and travelled extensively in that interest throughout Western North Carolina. During Cleveland's last administration, Mr. Varner held a position in the revenue service, but resigned on May 4th, 1896, to become editor of the Lexington Dispatch which he has edited with conspicuous success. When he bought the Dispatch it had a circulation of something like 600 or 700. He has increased its circulation to nearly 4,000. Mr. Varner has been chairman of the Democratic executive committee of his county since 1897 and held that position in 1898 when his county was redeemed from 900 Republican to 600 Democratic. Mr. Varner was at one time a member of State Democratic Executive Committee. He is a Mason, a Knight of Pythias, and member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He does not belong to any church, but attends the Presbyterian church. He is highly esteemed by his brother editors has twice been a delegate to the National Editorial Association, and is a member of its executive committee. He was married on the 26th day of December, 1900, to Miss Florence Comstock.

"Mr. Varner deserves more credit than any young man in North Carolina," said a gentleman from his section who knows him well. "He is one of the most industrious and active young Democrats in the State, a self made man who has won by party loyalty and party service, in touch with the men who earn their bread in the sweat of their brow. He will study labor conditions and make an efficient and capable officer, worthy of the confidence of those who feel special interest in the work of the department."

Writing of Mr. Varner at the time of his nomination the Statesville Mascot said: "The devotion to principle and self-sacrificing services to the party of the Democratic weekly press of the State were recognized by the State convention last week in the nomination of Henry B. Varner, editor of the Lexington Dispatch. His nomination was also a fitting recognition of the militant young Democracy, for he is not only one of the best editors of the State, but also one of the youngest and most successful Democratic county chairmen. His nomination was on his birthday and no birthday present was ever more richly deserved. The entire work of our great convention is pleasing in our sight, but no part of it more so than the nomination of Brother Varner."

Mr. Varner was elected at the August election, receiving 126,493 votes against 126,480 for J. T. Hamrick, his competitor.

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Dr. William T. Howard, former Professor of the Diseases of Women and Children, in the University of Maryland, Baltimore, attests the common adaptation of the Spring now known as Spring No. 1 in "a wide range of cases," with that of the far-famed White Sulphur Springs, in Greenbrier County, West Va., and adds the following:

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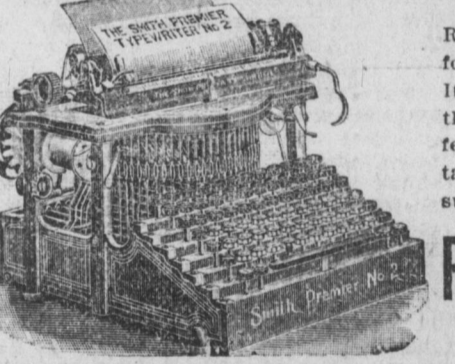
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