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Greatest Educational Rally In The History Of Washington

The First County Commencement Held Here Yesterday—Hon. Jno. H. Small Delivered Address—Mag- nificent Parade—Athletic And Literary Contests Enjoyed.

7,000 WITNESS EXERCISES

The advancement of education is one of the marked features in the throbbing of the great life pulse of the people of the old North State, and this is no more true of any section than it is of Beaufort county and those counties adjoining. Not since that great apostle of the New Era, Charles Brantley Aycock, set in motion the tremendous wave of educational uplift, has there been a backward step, for progress, spelled with capital letters, has been and is the slogan all along the line. Beaufort county under the management of W. G. Privette has been led into newer and broader paths of learning until it can lift its head with the proudest.

So it was the ripened season for some demonstration of the power and growth of the public schools of the county. And out of this ripeness came the first County Commencement held here yesterday. This commencement had its inception in the heart and brain of Supt. Privette, who in order to show the good old county of Beaufort in the same plane of educational advancement with other progressive counties of the state, worked assiduously with this aim in view, and the achievement realized yesterday was the most glorious day in the history of Washington and in the educational history of Beaufort county.

Earnest preparations for the event had been urged by Supt. Privette, and how splendidly children, teachers and parents responded can be more correctly estimated by the number here, and the enthusiasm, the deportment and the pleasure found in every minute of the time. Washington, though scarcely realizing the high honor of having within her gates so much of the citizenship of the county, clothed herself in gay colors and everywhere along the streets flung Old Glory to the breeze and gracefully festooned bunting about the fronts of business houses. It was indeed Washington's gala day, a goodly number of her citizens observed it as a holiday, and fully 7,000 people, representative of the county's interest in things worth while, spent the day here.

After several days of rainy and snowy weather, the morning dawned bright and clear, and in the early hours the children with their parents began to arrive from all parts of the county.

The pupils assembled at the Court House, corner Second and Market streets, where the order of parade was formed. And at 10:30 a. m., with each school marching in a body with their school pennants flying and numerous floats made into attractive designs representing different schools and containing bodies of pretty girls, led by the Aurora brass band, passed up Second to Academy street, crossed to Main street and proceeded to the Washington Tobacco Warehouse where the exercises were held. About 5,000 school children were in the parade, headed by the pupils of the Washington High School, which numbers 800 or more. The line of parade was more than a mile long, and it was the most inspiring sight ever witnessed on the streets of this city—those bright-eyed children, of sturdy Beaufort stock, who are soon to help guide the destinies of their beloved Carolina, and to fill the niche in the plan laid out by the Great Builder.

On reaching the warehouse each school took their seats (for which they owe their thanks to Mr. Geo. T. Leach for his untiring endeavors in securing the responsibility and having these seats improved) in

front of the speakers' platform, and the exercises were opened with the singing of "America."

Rev. Nathaniel Harding, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church for forty-two years, offered prayer, after which "The Old North State" was sung.

Then Supt. Privette, in a few choice words, introduced Hon. John H. Small, Congressman from the First District, who made the address. In a speech of one-half hour Mr. Small held the undivided attention of the vast assemblage of 7,000 people which crowded the warehouse. His theme was "Co-operation," and every word was the sounding note for better living in the home, community and state. Mr. Small is well known to every man, woman and child in the county and is always heartily welcomed wherever he appears before them.

At the close of the speech of Mr. Small, who was enthusiastically applauded, certificates were awarded to pupils of the 7th grade by Supt. Privette, after which lunch was served to the visitors, given by the Chamber of Commerce, under the supervision of a committee composed of Mr. Geo. T. Leach, chairman; J. F. Taylor, E. R. Nixon and W. H. Ellison. It had been estimated that at the lowest there would be 7,000 visitors here on that day, and fully that many were served. Washington people never do things by halves and the Chamber and committee in charge of the lunch are to be congratulated upon the stupendous task which they undertook so willingly and accomplished so successfully, which was no doubt doubly appreciated by the visitors.

The declaimer's medal was contested for by Charlie Hardison of Bath township and David Bergeron of Long Acre township. The county preliminary to decide upon the two best declaimers was held here in the Court House last Saturday morning, the above mentioned being the successful contestants. No feature at the Commencement gave more pleasure than did this, for each contestant showed careful training and the selections were exceptionally good. Charlie Hardison was declared winner of the \$5.00 gold medal given by Congressman Small.

Little Miss Pattie Hunter of Pinetown, and Miss Alma Leggett of Washington township, were the contestants for the rector's medal. Each exhibited a natural talent which had been cultivated, with care. The selections admitted a fine display of elocutionary powers, and the immense audience dispensed applause without stint. Miss Pattie Hunter being given the decision as winner of the \$5.00 gold medal contributed by Congressman Small. The judges were: Dr. M. O. Fletcher, of the Washington Collegiate Institute, Mr. A. J. Manning, superintendent of Public Instruction of Martin county, and Hon. John H. Small of this city.

To those who examined the various exhibits, it appeared that the pupils were doing most excellent work. Prizes had been offered for the best exhibits, and the work was of high order.

Bear Creek school was awarded the prize of \$5.00 given by the Bank of Washington, for having the best exhibit from a school of only one teacher.

Small Graded School was awarded the prize of \$5.00, given by E. R. Nixon & Co., for having the best exhibit from a school having more than one teacher.

Woodard's Pond School was awarded the prize of a water cooler given by the Cherry Furniture Company for having the best float in the parade.

Royal Graded School won the prize for the best exhibit from a primary room, \$2.00 in cash by S. R. Fawle & Son.

A pupil in Woodard's Pond school was awarded the prize for the best piece of plain sewing, \$2.00 in cash or merchandise by Suskin & Berry.

A pupil in Old Ford Graded School was awarded the prize, for the best piece of fancy sewing, Doel Singer Sewing Machine by the Singer Sewing Machine Co.

A pupil from the High school won the \$5.00 gold piece offered by the book clubs of Washington for the best essay on local history.

The winners of other prizes offered have not been announced at this time, but will be given later.

All the schools exhibiting did creditable work, and none need feel discouraged but receive a new impetus to go forward for better things in the future. The schools presented especially attractive appearances in the parade. The personal appearance added to the quiet demeanor throughout the day, spoke eloquently for the training and character of the children of Beaufort county. At no time during the day was there the least jar or fret and no accident to mar the occasion.

At the conclusion of the exercises the athletic contests took place at Fleming Park. A championship baseball game was played among the rural schools, and was warmly contested between Pantego and Old Ford, the former winning by the score of 12 to 0, playing a fast and snappy game and winning the prize of a \$5.00 catcher's mitt given by Russ Bros. Variety Store.

A cash prize of \$1.00 had been offered for the winner in each of the following contests:

100 yard dash for boys in and below the 7th grade, 100 yards dash for boys in and above the 8th grade, 220 yards dash for boys in and below the 7th grade, 220 yard dash for boys in and above the 8th grade, three-legged race, pie-a-back race, broad jump, standing broad jump, and a relay race of 1-2 mile. The contest in athletics. The winners in these contests have not been announced but will be given later.

Washington was honored by the presence of more than 7,000 visitors, who walked through her wide-open gates and enjoyed every minute of their stay. The day was one of great pleasure to the people of the city and county alike, and Supt. Privette is to be congratulated upon the splendid success of his efforts. Though this was the first County Commencement, it will go down in history as one of pleasure, profit and general awakening to the fact that the schools of the county are the most important factors in all the land. The people of Washington will gladly welcome the commencement next year.

VISITING MRS. MOORE.

Master Paul Tillery of Raleigh, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. E. B. Moore in West Second street.

A PLEASING PROGRAM.

Yesterday Messrs. Bell and Morris showed a picture at their theater that caused unusual interest. A story of a young man who did not know his mind, until a young woman came along and the reader can perhaps guess the rest of the story. The picture was entitled "Unrest."

CRESCITE CLUB MEETING.

The Crescite Book Club will meet with Mrs. M. A. Smith Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at her residence in East Main street.

FOR MATOR.

I hereby announce my candidacy for Mayor of the City of Washington, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held on Friday, April 9th, 1915.

FRANK O. KUGLER.



COBURIN GREATER MINSTRELS
AT NEW THEATRE FRIDAY APRIL 9TH

Mass Meeting Wed. Last At Court House

Wednesday, March 31st, there was held a mass meeting of the citizens of Beaufort county in the Court House to discuss the three bills passed by the recent legislature and to be voted on April 24, 1915, by the citizens of said county. To begin with what was the need of such a mass meeting? The election had already been ordered and regardless of the sentiment expressed at meeting the election was still to be held. To this meeting were invited both Republicans and Socialists as well as Democrats and urged and encouraged to come and make speeches against these bills by the Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee and the Democratic Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, and forsooth why? Because there had become a breach between these Democratic dignitaries and our Democratic Representative in the last legislature. We have always thought that the duty of a chairman of a party was to try and heal all wounds that might occur in such parties, yet what do we see? A Democratic chairman backed by words and deeds of a Democratic County Commissioner in a speech, abusing a Democratic legislator to the delight of every Republican and Socialist in Beaufort county, a speech so encouraging to them that

even the Chairman of the Republican party arose and made a speech against our representative so foul in its abuse, that it has never been surpassed except by the Democratic chairman. The consistency is what? In our city primaries for Mayor and Aldermen no Republican is allowed to participate unless he agrees to support the Democratic party from President down, notwithstanding the fact that the Republicans have never attempted to put out a city ticket; this by the ruling of the Democratic County Attorney, when the law clearly states that a Republican voting shall agree to support the nominee of that particular primary only, the reason for this ruling is evidence from the fact that the majority of the Republicans in the city are opposed to the government of the present Mayor and Board of Aldermen. (The Mayor himself, a life-long Republican), who are backed up by and in fact dictated to by the Democratic Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Democratic chairman of the County Commissioners, who delight in bringing to the front these same Republicans and encourage them with their arguments to help break up the Democratic party and that is what it is coming to. "Oh, consistency, thou art indeed a jewel."

A LIFE LONG DEMOCRAT.

PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED TO CHARITY

The Elks added the finishing touches to their rehearsals last night in final preparation for the presentation on tonight and tomorrow nights of their big Charity Vaudeville and Extravaganza Company. A full dress rehearsal was given last night, and it was reported that things ran as smoothly as a "new made Ford." Special scenery will be used in the production and the costumes are said to be the most gorgeous ever seen on the local stage in a production of this character. Exalted Ruler John W. Smith informed us that the proceeds would be donated to charity. There will be two big nights of immense fun, tonight and tomorrow. So secure your seats at Workly and Etheridge, for they are selling out fast.

PARENTS DAY WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Day at the Washington High School will be tomorrow (Wednesday), April 7th. The work from all the different grades will be on exhibition and all parents of the city are invited to come and inspect the work for the past year. Special chapel exercises will be conducted at 9 o'clock in the morning, and the parents are also cordially requested to attend.

SPENDS EASTER HERE

Mr. Harold Moore, who now resides in Wilmington, accompanied by his friend, Mr. George Snow, of Mt. Olive, spent Easter Sunday with his mother, Mrs. E. B. Moore, at West Second street.

THE RUSSIANS ARE MAKING STEADY GAINS

London, April 5.—The attention of the public is being directed toward the great struggle of the Carpathian passes, where the Russians apparently are making steady gains despite obstinate resistance of the Austrians and German legions. The Russians are on the Hungarian side of both the Dukla and Lupkow passes, and aided by reinforcements, are gaining the heights which dominate Uszok pass. Even the Austrian official report admits that fighting is taking place in the Laboreza valley, south of Lupkow pass; while the Russians tonight announce the capture of Cima, an important town between Pukow and Uszok passes, on station on the high mountains by which they captured much munitions and provisions. Russians also are advancing from Dukla pass on Hartfeld at the head of the line of railway running south into Hungary and fighting not far from Mesolabrez. On Saturday and Sunday they captured in the Carpathians 3,000 prisoners. They also claim another victory in Bukovina and the capture of another thousand prisoners while the Austrians also assert they repulsed a Russian force which attempted to cross the Dniester.

The Russians also are making progress in northern Poland, the German report telling of the repulse of a Russian attack on Marimpol, west of the region that a few days ago was in the possession of the Germans.

Comparative calm continues in the west. The French have little to report. The German announce the repulse of French attacks in the Woivre region.

The former German cruisers Goeben and Breslau, now under the Turkish flag again have been out in the Black sea and exchanged shots with the Russian fleet off the Crimean coast.

The German submarine U-31 has replaced the U-28 off the west coast of England, and during the day reports were received of the sinking by this boat of the Russian bark Hermes and the steamer Olive, both small vessels.

The Bulgarians have explained that the recent raid into Serbia was the work of rebels and have promised to disarm them when they reach the Bulgarian frontier.

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION OF BARACAS'

Interest is daily increasing through out the State in the Fifth Annual Baraca-Philathea State Convention, which will be held in Raleigh, April 22-25. Nearly 200 names had been received three weeks in advance at the office of Baraca-Philathea headquarters, in Greensboro, asking that entertainment be reserved for them. It is expected the number will reach 1,000 within the next two weeks.

The mere announcement of a Baraca-Philathea State Convention attracts wide attention and keen interest among the young people of the State, for it is well known that the past four conventions, held in Greensboro, Salisbury, Charlotte and Durham were the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings of young people ever seen in the state. North Carolina, the banner state, is organized Baraca and Philathea Bible Class work, is doing a wonderful work in reaching and using the masses of unchurched young people, and this convention promises to furnish enthusiasm and inspiration that shall be felt in the churches and Sunday schools from the four corners of the state.

While every session of the Convention, beginning Thursday evening, April 22nd, will be largely attended, the Sunday sessions promise to make a grand climax, being featured with splendid music, addresses, convention sermons, parade accompanied by sacred music of

WILLARD WINS BY KNOCKOUT 26TH ROUND

Havana, Cuba, April 5.—Jack Johnson, exile from his own country, today lost his claim to fistic fame as the heavyweight champion of the world. The title was wrested from him by Jess Willard, the Kan-sas boy, the biggest man who ever won the prize ring and a "white" who at last has made good.

The day after tomorrow Johnson, his wife and a little group of friends will sail for Martinique, there to await passage back to France where Johnson proposes to lead the life of a farmer. There is no doubt he is through with the ring.

Willard is going back to the United States to win the fortune denied him today, when Johnson got \$30,000 before the fight started. Willard took only a small share of the gate receipts. Just what his share was is not known.

Today's fight probably has no parallel in the history of ring battles. For 30 rounds Johnson punched and pounded Willard at will; his blows grew perceptibly less powerful though as the fight progressed until at last he seemed unable or unwilling to go on.

Johnson stopped leading and for three or four rounds the battle was little more than a series of plastic poses of white and black gladiators. So it was until the 26th round, when Willard got one of his widely swinging, wind mill, right hand smashes to Johnson's heart. This was the beginning of the end.

When the round closed Johnson sent word to his wife that he was all in. He told her to start for home. She was on the way out and was passing the ring in the 26th round when a stinging left to the body and a cyclonic right to the jaw caused Johnson to crumple on the floor of the ring, where he lay, partly outside the ropes until the referee counted 10 and held up Willard's hand in token of his newly won laurels.

BAKER SAYS

To any Kodaker bringing the cutest pose of any little child under six years old, taken between now and the fifteenth of this month, we will enlarge the picture to 16x20 inches, make them a present of it, after using it in our show window five days. Who will be the winner? BAKER'S STUDIO.

4-6-11p.

DANCING CLASS.

Miss Lizzie Hill will open her dancing class Wednesday, April 7th, in the Armory. Those wishing to join will please notify her. Dances given the class will be one-step, hesitation, lame duck waltz, fox trot, and lulu fado. No spectators. 4-6-11c.

MEET WITH MRS. WILLIAMS.

The members of the O'Henry Book Club will hold their regular meeting Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. W. H. Williams at her residence in West Main street.

brass band, and closing concert-union service.

Several thousand visitors will flock to Raleigh for these closing oral classes in bottles. In order that reservations may be made for meetings, among whom will be several desiring to attend names of the two voting delegates from each class and others, should be sent promptly to Miss Flossie A. Byrd, Greensboro, N. C.

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