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## HOLTON THINKS HE'S FREE AND IS HAPPY

Notified His Term Had Expired Says Great Burden Has Fallen From His Shoulders.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 23.—The office of the district attorney of the Western District of North Carolina in this city was left in the hands of Chief Clerk J. E. Buxton this morning. A. E. Holton being notified late yesterday evening that his term of office had expired at the close of business yesterday. Mr. Holton received a telegram from Attorney General McReynolds late yesterday evening to that effect. Mr. Holton was down town early this morning, smilingly declaring that a "heavy burden had been lifted from my shoulders." He will take up a general practice of his profession in this city but as to the details of his plans he states that he will wait until "after the funeral" to make his announcement.

Late today Mr. Buxton had not received any communication from Clyde Hoye, of Shelby, who was recently appointed assistant district attorney, and as the office here is vacant Mr. Buxton has written Mr. Hoye, calling attention to the fact, and also calling attention to several important cases soon to be heard.

Mr. Holton was appointed district attorney in 1897 by President McKinley at the beginning of his first term. He has served continuously ever since.

There seems to be a strong possibility that Mr. Holton may be the next state chairman of the Republican executive committee.

United States Civil Service Examination for Rural Carrier. At Asheboro, N. C., for Randolph County, Saturday, March 14, 1914.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination on the date and at the places named above, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a vacancy in the position of rural carrier at Liberty, N. C., and other vacancies as they may occur on rural routes at postoffices in the above named county, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion. The compensation of a rural carrier is based upon the length of the route. Salaries range from \$484 to \$1,100 per year.

Age, 18 to 55, on the date of the examination. The maximum age is waived in cases of persons honorably discharged from the United States military or naval service.

An applicant must have his actual domicile in the territory supplied by a post office in the county for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all male citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application Form 1341, and full information concerning the requirements of the examination, can be secured from the secretary of the local examining board or the postmaster at any of the examination points named above, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington. As examination papers are shipped direct from the Commission, it is necessary that applications be received in ample time to arrange for the examination desired at the place indicated by the applicant. The Commission will therefore arrange to examine any applicant whose application is received in time to permit the shipment of the necessary papers.

An eligible register for the position of rural letter carrier for each county will be maintained. A person must be examined in the county in which the post office that supplies his home is situated. As a result of such examination he may be eligible to appointment as rural carrier at any post office in such county. A rural letter carrier after one year's satisfactory service may be transferred to the position of clerk or carrier in a first or second class post office, to the position of clerk, or to other positions in the classified service, subject to such examination as may be required by the civil-service rules.

JOHN A. MILHENNY, President.

## EXAMINATION For Fourth Class Postmasters Held Here Friday.

An examination for post masters of the fourth class was conducted in the court house, notwithstanding the very inclement weather, for the elements were a veritable storm.

Thirty-four applicants, six of whom were ladies, appeared in the court house Friday, Feb. 23, to take the competitive examination for fourth class postmaster. The examination was conducted by J. H. Armfield of Greensboro, assisted by Postmaster Auman. Applicants were here from Liberty, Sophia, Ramseur, Cole ridge, Searove, Franklinville, Farmer, Millboro and Staley.

Applicants were also here from Candor, Jackson Springs, Pineville and Ellerbe. And who will doubt the American's love for office. The aged, the young and the middle aged, were vying with each other in competition for the fourth class post offices. Well, there's a fascination about it anyway and Randolph is no exception.

## Beaufort County Man Digs Up Small Fortune.

Jarvis Kinon, digging a post-hole on a farm in the vicinity of Sidney, in Beaufort county, encountered a box buried at a depth of several feet which is said to have contained a small fortune. One report says that Kinon's newly-acquired wealth is about \$3,000. Two years ago a box of coins, silver, nickels and pennies was dug up in the same locality. Some of the coins were of issue as recent as 1906. No claimant for the money has appeared and something of a mystery has been occasioned in the vicinity of the finds.

## MT. GILEAD NEWS.

### Slides Along Track Give N. S. Trouble.

The Norfolk Southern is encountering no little trouble with slides along its new line between Mount Gilead and Pee Dee River. A night or two ago the section crew was called to a point near the river and while there another slide occurred near the town, which came near causing serious trouble. Returning in the dark, the car carrying the crew struck the fallen mass of earth and stone, throwing the occupants to the ground and painfully bruising some of them.

Another slide Saturday delayed the eastbound train about an hour. The slow schedule under which the trains are operated, however, removes practically all danger to passengers.

A mutual building and loan association has been organized and a charter applied for. The promoters are some of the leading business men of the town. The title of the corporation is the People's Mutual Building & Loan Association. This makes two building and loan associations for Mt. Gilead, the Mutual Realty Company having already commenced to operate.

The section south of Mount Gilead has had some heavy land deals within the last few weeks. The large farm of the late James T. LeGrand, lying along the east bank of the Pee Dee River, in upper Richmond, was recently sold to parties in and near town, the consideration being more than \$50,000. The lands of the late W. A. Webster, also, were recently sold to a citizen of Mt. Gilead. The consideration in this deal was more than \$25,000. These figures indicate advancing prices in good farming lands through this section.

### Revenge Is Sweet.

A master butcher gave his salesman a week's notice, and now he wishes he had paid him off at once says Pearson's Weekly.

A lady came into the shop the day after he received notice of his discharge and was shown a leg of mutton.

"I think not, mum," replied the man, "you see, the poor animal died of rapid consumption and fever and consequently—"

But the lady had fled, and he replaced the joint with a grin of satisfaction.

"Sausages, sir? Certainly," he remarked to another customer. "We have the very best. Ever since the muzzling order has been on force we—"

But he, too, had fled. And with a sweet, revengeful smile the salesman hung them on the hook again and waited for the next.

## TIMBER RESOURCES OF RANDOLPH COUNTY

Bulletin Sent Out by State Geological and Economic Survey.

The following press bulletin sent out by the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey last week and is entitled "Timber Resources of Randolph County." Randolph is situated in the central part of North Carolina. It is one of the largest counties in the State, having an area of 508,900 acres. It lies close to the dividing line between the Piedmont and Coastal Plain regions, although entirely within the Piedmont region. The northeastern part of the county, east of Deep River and north of Ramseur, is gently rolling while practically every other section is rough and hilly, making this one of the most rugged counties in the state east of the mountains. West of Asheboro there are several high hills known locally as mountains. Shepherd Mountain, Long Arm Mountain, and Caraway Mountain are in this region; while southeast of Asheboro we find Pilot Mountain and Purgatory Mountains.

One distinct watershed traverses the county in a generally north and south direction. The Uharie River drains the western portion, flowing eventually into the Yadkin River, while Deep River, a tributary of the Cape Fear, flows from the north central to the southeastern corner of the county. Water power is developed quite extensively both in the two large streams and in several of their tributaries. Numerous grist mills are scattered through the county, and several cotton mills are found along Deep River, using the power developed by the streams. Very few grist mills have saw mill attachments.

The common soil is a silty loam, known technically as the Georgeville silt loam, having a clay subsoil, and occurring almost uniformly throughout the county. In the northwestern part, we find also a belt of clay loam soils belonging to the Cecil series. The soil on all of the hills and ridges is a rough, stony loam, while patches of this soil occur frequently in the south-central area.

Transportation facilities are fair. The Southern Railroad, connecting with the Aberdeen and Asheboro branch of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, extends directly through the county almost from north to south. The Southern Railroad from Greensboro to Sanford cuts the northeastern part of the county while a branch of this railroad extends to Ramseur from Climax. A branch line from Thomasville to Denton in Davidson county is not far from the Randolph County line, thereby affording railroad facilities to the western section.

The general condition of the wagon roads is far from good. The road tax, 8 1-3 cents on \$100 valuation, is inadequate for the proper upkeep and construction of roads. A bond issue for the road construction has been considered, but never submitted to voters on account of the general feeling against it. The Old Plank Road extending through the county from Trinity to Asheboro, thence south to Whynot, has been surfaced with gravel. Many of the public roads are badly washed.

Randolph has been and is now a lumber producing county, but most of the present population is engaged in agriculture. Wheat and corn are the principal crops. Tobacco is nowhere important. Only a few growers in the northern part of the county produce it. Cotton is not abundantly cultivated, but occurs frequently through the county.

Land is held in small holdings. One tract of 2,000 acres is the largest individual tract in the county, while only 35 tracts, comprising five per cent of the total area, are over 500 acres in extent. The average assessed value of land is \$6 per acre, and varies in large tracts from \$1.50 to \$15 per acre. The assessed value is less than one-half of the real value. The rough topography and stony soils on the ridges make a considerable portion of the county absolute forest land. Approximately 70 per cent of the county is now forested. The northwestern section is cleared and cultivated more extensively than any other part. The region around Asheboro and south between the Uharie River and Old Plank Road is perhaps under present conditions better

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## MARTHA REDDING IS DEAD

Passed Quietly Away Tuesday Night.

The people of Asheboro and surrounding country will be greatly shocked to learn that Miss Martha Redding is dead. She died at the Children's Home at High Point Tuesday night of pneumonia after a week's illness. One of the most loved and best women of Randolph county is gone. Noble of character, refined in manner and gentle and kind. Even these are but empty words when the good deeds of this departed sister are known. She perhaps taught more of the young men and women of this section than any one person now living, and oh, how children's hearts will ache when they learn that the gentle, but firm hands are still, the voice that to them was next to mother, is gone. And just to slip away from the little ones at the Children's Home the work she loved so well—that's glory enough. Miss Redding was the daughter of the late Thomas and Eliza Redding, and sister of ex-Sheriff W. F. Redding and Mrs. B. F. Bulla of this city.

She was a faithful Christian and devoted to her work and will be greatly missed.

The remains were brought to Asheboro Wednesday afternoon and the funeral was held at Charlotte church, the dear old spot where her girlhood days were spent amidst the great oaks, "The Groves which were God's first temples," and all that was mortal was laid to rest in the churchyard.

"Many daughters have wrought well, but thou excellest them all."

## A UNIQUE INDUSTRY.

### The Stahl Silk Mills at High Point Doing Good Business

It would be difficult to find a more unique industry anywhere south of Patterson, N. J., or Lancaster, Pa., than the Stahl silk mills started 10 years ago at High Point. The two buildings are known as No. 1 and No. 2, being two stories and basement, 50x300 and 119x125, respectively, of sawtooth construction, fire proof and steel sash. Raw silk from Japan and China, especially the former, is spun by 30,000 spindles and woven by 150 looms, the operation of which necessitates a payroll of about \$6,000 every two weeks, paid to 350 hands, of whom 75 per cent are women.

From 3,000 to 4,000 pounds of chipped soap are ordered regularly to supply the mill laundry which puts in proper shape not only the clothes of the mill hands, but all those who are in any way connected with the mill all the laundry of any family being done if that family has only one member at work in the mill. Thus it is that the laundry work for over 500 people is done each week.

Air-pumped water from a 780 foot well is used for drinking purposes, and everything possible done to preserve the health of all employees. One of the chief duties of the superintendent and his overseers is to look after the sick and much money is advanced to unfortunate's help. Fifty-eight hours work with pay for sixty has been a rule of the management for several years.

In the basement of No. 1 mill is a large dining room for the accommodation of the employees, all tables being equipped with clean linen equal to that in the best of homes.

### Junior Order and Building and Loan.

We note from the Lexington Dispatch that the Jr. O. U. N. M. at Lexington has subscribed to local building and loan stock, good for that. We rise to remark however, that at Randleman, the Junior Order has been carrying building and loan stock for six years. This stock will mature this year and all this without much of a blowing horn either. You can't lose the Junior Order at Randleman.

### Chatham County Tale.

While cutting timber on Mr. Ed. Perry's land near Pittsboro last Thursday, Mr. R. W. Winfrey had quite a little experience. When the tree fell a bunch of squirrels and two possums ran out of a hollow. For a few minutes the ground was black with squirrels. Mr. Winfrey got two of the squirrels out of 4 and the two possums.

## HAMMER WINS FIGHT FOR ATTORNEYSHIP

Name Sent to the Senate Last Friday by President Wilson.

As was expected the President sent to the senate Friday the nomination of William C. Hammer, of Asheboro, to be district attorney for western North Carolina. The nomination was made against the advice of Attorney General McReynolds, a member of the President's official family.

Mr. Hammer's nomination will be confirmed this week unless some one causes further delay by filing charges before the senate judiciary committee. Senator Overman is acting chairman of this committee. He said that if anyone had charges to prefer against Hammer they would be given an opportunity to be heard from.

Another piece of "pie" was cut Friday when the President appointed former Governor Robert B. Glenn to the international boundary commission. The job pays \$7,500 a year. It is the job which the Democrats dubbed the "lame duck's roost," when the Republicans were in power, but is now termed by Secretary Klutts, of Salisbury, as one of the busiest commissions in the federal service.

## 1,000,000 Feet Lumber Shipped From Norman Last Month.

During the month of January the Snow Lumber company shipped from Norman, Richmond county, 1,000,000 feet of lumber. The Snow people, whose head offices are in High Point, have recently sold their interests at Mt. Gilead and are now rushing the shipments from their other mills at Norman.

## The Sprunts to Go Into Farming

The Express is informed that Alexander Sprunt & Son, big cotton exporters, of Wilmington, have men preparing to open a big farm on a tract of land which they have for some time owned between Olivia and Pineview. This tract contains some 4,000 acres and adjoins the big tobacco farm of Mr. J. A. Harpes. They have bought a saw mill from the Moffitt Iron Works Company and will cut the timber off the land to build farm houses. They have a force of hands clearing the land that will be put in cultivation. We understand they will have the farm run on the diversified plan, that is raise a variety of crops. As Alexander Sprunt & Son believe in doing things on a large scale we may expect to see great developments on their Hartnett County farm in the next few years.—Sanford Express.

## Linwood Station Robbed.

A wholesale robbery occurred at Linwood, Davidson county last Wednesday, when thieves broke into the depot, a box car and the store of A. R. Raper.

## Gov. Craig to Washington.

Governor and Mrs. Locke Craig spent part of last week in Washington City, where they were "wined and dined" by the Senators, Representatives and others from North Carolina.

## Gore Exonerated.

United States Senator Gore, from Oklahoma, was exonerated last week in a suit against him for \$50,000 by Mrs. Minnie Bond, for alleged improper conduct with her person.

## Oldest Man in State Dies.

Lee Bonner, colored, who is said to be the oldest man in the state, died at his home at Winston-Salem last week, aged 112 years.

## SLOW WORK IN CONGRESS

Will Have to Move at Rapid Rate for Adjournment by June 1st.

Congress has been working at a rather slow pace. The farmers' instruction bill has passed both houses, an immigration bill and a postoffice appropriation bill have passed the lower house and are now before the Senate while various committees are still considering the five bills for the regulation of trusts, the pension appropriation bill, the army, and the navy bills, and several other measures. Evidently Congress will have to work hard if it completes its work by June 1.

## HAYDEN CLEMENT OUT FOR SOLICITORSHIP

Is Widely Endorsed for the Position Soon to Be Vacated by Hammer.

Armed with the endorsement of 18 out of 20 Superior Court Judges in North Carolina, as well as that of hundreds of leading politicians and attorneys in the Fifteenth judicial district, Hayden Clement, a prominent attorney has announced his candidacy for appointment as solicitor of the district to succeed William C. Hammer.

Mr. Clement is a son of L. H. Clement, a former president of the North Carolina Bar Association, is himself vice-president, a leading member of the Salisbury bar and has a wide practice. Under the administration of Governor Glenn he was Assistant Attorney General, and owing to the illness of that officer, did most of the work for the term. He is chairman of the Eighth Congressional District.

His friends contend that the appointment of Mr. Clement by the Governor as solicitor for the district will give satisfaction in the counties of Montgomery, Rowan, Cabarrus, Iredell, Davis and Randolph which comprise the district.

## From Two to Three Millions May Be Spent in Spencer.

The announcement from the headquarters of the Southern Railway Company in Washington that \$10,000,000 has been appropriated for improvements at terminals and \$5,000,000 for increasing rolling stock has aroused much interest in Spencer. The largest shops on the Southern system are located there, the Spencer terminals are among the most important on the road and it is expected a large percent of the money will be invested in Spencer. The first buildings to be erected will be a new roundhouse and a new power plant. It is expected from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 will be spent.

## Station Agents Will Organize

The Order of Railroad Station Agents has voted to send organizers throughout the country to increase the membership. The convention endorsed the five per cent increase in freight rates asked for by the eastern railroads.

## New Gun Boat Is Launched

The gunboat Sacramento was Saturday launched from the Cramp shipyard at Philadelphia. The Sacramento is 225 feet, 8 inches long. Her contract calls for a speed of 12 knots an hour and she will carry a crew of 150 officers and men.

## Cuban Teachers Must Be Citizens.

The committee on education of the House of Representatives of Cuba, Saturday passed a bill providing that teachers in the public schools of Cuba hereafter must be Cuban citizens.

## Seven Die in Flood; Many Homes Lost in California Storm.

With a loss of probably more than \$4,500,000 and a toll of 7 human lives since Wednesday, southern California is recovering from the effects of the worst storm in its history. With the sun shining Saturday the situation improved considerably and while nearly all the towns affected remained isolated, progress was made toward re-establishing wire and rail communication.

It is estimated that Los Angeles was damaged to the extent of at least \$1,500,000. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars represented the damage to city streets alone. The rest reported losses sustained by railroads and by citizens whose homes were swept away by the floods.

## Tenth Anniversary of Baltimore Fire.

Throughout the business section of Baltimore Saturday flags were displayed in observance of the tenth anniversary of the great Baltimore fire and in celebration of the rebuilding of the city since the catastrophe. The fire of 1904 was one of the most disastrous that has ever visited an American city. It began on February 7 and raged for two days. One hundred and forty acres, comprising 75 city blocks with about 2,500 buildings were burned over. The property loss was estimated at over \$100,000,000.

## THE PANAMA CANAL IS ALMOST FOOL PROOF

Safe Passage Through Waterway Provided by Construction Aid to Navigation.

When the Panama canal is completed and the first ship is piloted through from Cristobal to Balboa or the other way, it will be as near "fool-proof" as it is possible to make it. In every possible way has the safe navigation of the great waterway been provided for by the construction of almost countless aids to navigation.

The first thing the pilot of an incoming vessel sees ahead of him as he reaches the entrance of the canal is a huge light tower which in conjunction with another points the way toward the first set of locks at either end. On either side of him as he proceeds he finds innumerable lighted and unlighted buoys and beacons that indicate the limits of the channel.

The locks themselves will be as brilliantly lighted as the "Great White Way" itself and the passage of a large ship, herself brilliantly lighted from stem to stern with electricity, is expected to become one of the most spectacular features of an interoceanic voyage. Then comes the passage through the canal with its numerous range light towers on either bank, its beacon buoys all of them showing either a white, red or green light.

There are along the canal 20 acetylene lighted range towers, 12 electric lighted ones, 45 electric lighted beacons, 3 acetylene lighted buoys. The range lights mark a line 125 feet on either side of the middle of the channel forming a lane 250 feet wide. Floating on the water along the side lines of the channel are the acetylene buoys and on the shore marking the various tangents of the channel are the lighted beacons.

The approach to Colon harbor on the Atlantic side, is lighted by the main light on Toro Point which is visible 18 miles or more on a clear night. Then there are the beacons on the seaward ends of the 2 1/2 mile breakwater that protects the harbor from the high seas that usually run in the Atlantic.

On the Pacific end of the canal there are numerous buoys and beacons besides the range lights that indicate the canal channel. By the day the channel is not only marked by can buoys but also about 60 spar-buoys and the many concrete tripodes, painted a brilliant white. By day the range light towers are easily seen due to the brilliant white they are painted.

Nor is this all. Captain Hugh Rodman, U. S. N., superintendent of operation, has just completed establishing the locations for a number of signal towers along the canal route. They are to be used in signaling from station to station the coming and going of steamers and to arrange meeting places. The signalmen will practically funcate on the lines of the railway train dispatcher.

Canal workers are anxiously waiting to hear definitely from Washington as to whether they will have to pay an income tax. There is no one within the zone who is prepared to give official information on the point, not even the law department or Colonel Tom Cook, collector of customs for the zone. The law department, however, points out that the canal territory has been declared, by no less an authority than the United States Supreme Court, as not a part of the United States territory. Frank Feuille, chief legal officer of the zone has told many inquirers that the canal zone is not mentioned in the new income tax law.

With March 1 set as the date for making returns to income tax collectors in the United States, the canal worker is impatient to learn his status. If he is to be required to pay the tax he is also wondering whether it will be withheld at the source, which in most cases is the war department.

## Greensboro Will Be Parcel Post Terminal.

News was sent out last week that Greensboro will be made a parcel post terminal for the distribution of parcels in this section of the country. The actual operation will begin about March 1st and about ten men will be employed on the clerical force.