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FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 26, 1916

We welcome to the exchange list the revised and rejuvenated "Ayden Despatch," which we learn from the opening editorial, is now published under the ownership of Mr. W. E. Hooks and the editorship of Mr. Herbert B. Utley, who has been connected with the paper for some time. Success to the new enterprise.

The Freewill Baptist, published at Ayden, calls upon the members of its sect to adopt the motto, "Nil Desperandum." No doubt the "s" was omitted by a typographical error, and the motto intended was "Nil Desperandum," which being interpreted, means "Despair of Nothing," and it is a fine motto not only for the good folks of the Freewill Baptist circles, but for others as well, who may be engaged in lofty and commendable pursuits.

Until the news came from Rome that the Italian authorities feared it would become necessary for a declaration of war to go forth against the Kaiser's government, because of certain affronts anticipated, the fact that the Italians and Germans were not actually fighting against each other, but were simply not on speaking terms, had been lost to mind. After all, it does not appear that the status of the case will be affected one way or the other by the declaration.

There is not going to be a great deal of regret if the Kaiser does decide to change his representative at Washington. Count Von Bernstorff has apparently just missed being given his walking papers by the merest margin on several occasions, and although he has not been implicated in the conspiracies of his attaches there has been more or less of a feeling abroad that he had some hand in the plots. Be that as it may, the withdrawal of Mr. Von Bernstorff and the setting of Mr. Von Buelow will probably not be a source of regret to the administration.

THE RECORDER'S COURT AGAIN

The ruling of Judge Bond with reference to the withdrawals of appeals to the superior court made by defendants convicted in the recorder's court upon the reconsideration and modification of penalties by the recorder, although directly involving only nine cases, will indirectly, perhaps, affect a great number. That certainly would have been the case if Judge Bond's ruling covered the operations of the recorder's court since its inception, for there have been many cases where jail sentences were imposed which were changed to fines which the defendants could pay and secure their liberty. The Free Press would not criticize the action of Recorder Wooten in showing mercy to any particular defendant. No doubt in the list of cases, in which decisions have been changed, there are a number worthy, and the disposition of them was the best for all concerned. That may be the situation with all of the cases. Whether it is or not we are not now discussing. It has been noticeable in the past that the recorder rendered decisions, and upon reflection, modified them, and Judge Bond's ruling yesterday is to the effect that the recorder was not empowered to make any change whatsoever in his own decisions after they had once been made, and entered upon the records. In other words, it means that the recorder must either reserve his decisions or that when once given, they shall stand unless altered by a higher court.

The point was made by both Solicitor Shaw and Re-

corder Wooten yesterday that the recorder's court bill was indefinite, and that those conducting the court were therefore at a disadvantage. This point has been made in defense repeatedly before. The question naturally arises in the mind of the laity why so much is read into the bill to make up for the alleged shortcomings which are not characteristic of other courts. The unusual construction and procedure of the recorder's court has been the cause for considerable comment and will, no doubt, be the basis of a fight for its abolishment when the next legislature is in session.

NOTHING NEW IN THIS "DISCOVERY."

The New York Herald has "discovered" that President Wilson is taking no part in the fight in the Second Congressional District. There is really nothing new in that discovery for those people, who have kept up with Mr. Wilson's administration and have closely observed his attitude with reference to local fights within the party, have never given credence to the reports emanating from Washington, and thought to have been sent out at direction of Mr. Bryan purporting to make it appear that Mr. Wilson had given any interview or made any statement which would indicate his attitude in the Kitchin-Mitchell fight.

Very naturally, Mr. Wilson and his close advisers are watching the fight in the Second District with more or less interest. There are several good reasons that can be assigned for more than the ordinary interest on the part of the chief executive in this congressional fight. Chief among them perhaps is the issue. Mr. Mitchell's campaign was launched on the ground that the Second District approved the policies of Mr. Wilson and should be represented in Congress by a man who was in sympathy with those policies and who would give cordial support to them, and Mr. Mitchell has charged that Mr. Kitchin was not manifesting the sympathy which, as representative of the Second District, he should. Therefore, to a certain degree the policies of the administration are on trial in the Second District. It cannot be said that the results of the primary will indicate accurately the sentiment of the people for the personality of Mr. Kitchin and the prestige gained by his long tenure of office will undoubtedly cut more or less figure. Then because Mr. Kitchin occupies high place in Congress, the administration's interest will naturally be keener in the results of the fight than in the case of the ordinary congressman.

The people of the Second District must decide the question of their representation for themselves, even if Mr. Wilson should follow the example of some of his predecessors and meddle in local affairs. This he happily has not done, nor is there any liability of his doing so. The people of the Second District must determine whether Mr. Wilson's policies are to be upheld, and if the return of Mr. Kitchin to Congress will insure success to the administration policies better than the sending of Mr. Mitchell.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

CERTAINLY ISN'T UP TO HIM.

Everything: "Red Buck writes the papers that politicians in Washington think Hughes should quit the Supreme bench or else make a statement that he would not accept the nomination. That is queer philosophy. Hughes has never said he was running. He isn't a candidate. He is attending to his own business and the business of the public with neatness and dispatch.

"If the Republicans want to nominate him and do so, then, of course, he will either accept or refuse. But until he is nominated there is no reason for him to say he isn't a candidate. He has never said he was and he has never said he wasn't. It would be a pretty how-do-you-do to force a man to throw up a job just because a few admirers wanted to use his name. Hughes has remained mum. He has been dignified. He isn't using any money; he isn't burning any red fire. He is simply a plain, blunt man holding down the job to which he was appointed.

"It will be time enough to refuse to accept an office after it is tendered him. And not before."

PROGRESS AND JUSTICE WIN.

Winston-Salem Journal: "Justice and Progress won another victory over Oppression and Standpatism in Washington yesterday, when the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to report favorably to the Senate the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. This action on the part of the committee should strengthen the faith of the peo-

ple in democracy. For a time it looked like the special interests, men who would make the government the benefactor of a few instead of the servant of all, had won a victory, that they had succeeded in their efforts to keep this champion of the people off of the Supreme Court, where his services are most needed. But a favorable report of the committee should mean the speedy confirmation of Mr. Brandeis' appointment. However, a long-drawn out fight on the floor of the Senate is expected. The men who are opposing Mr. Brandeis are going to die hard. It has ever been thus."

Political Announcements

FOR THE SENATE.

I hereby announce my candidacy for State Senator, Seventh Senatorial District, subject to the Democratic primary, to be held June 3rd, 1916. W. D. POLLOCK. (Paid political advertising—D&SW)

For State Senate From Seventh Senatorial District.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination for one of the senators from the Seventh Senatorial District, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held the third day of June, 1916.

I will appreciate the active support of my friends throughout the district. F. BROCK, Trenton, Jones Co., N. C. (Paid Political Advertising—D&SW)

FOR SHERIFF, LENOIR COUNTY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for renomination for Sheriff of Lenoir county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held the third day of June, 1916.

The vote and support of my friends throughout the county will be appreciated. A. W. TAYLOR. (Paid Political Advertising—D&SW)

FOR TREASURER, LENOIR COUNTY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-nomination for Treasurer of Lenoir county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held the third day of June, 1916.

I will appreciate the vote and support of my friends throughout the county. JOHN H. DAWSON. (Paid Political Advertising—D&SW)

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER From Institute Township, Lenoir Co.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination for one of the county commissioners for Lenoir county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held the third day of June, 1916.

I will appreciate the support of the citizens of Lenoir. A. T. DAWSON. (Paid political advertising—D&SW)

FOR COMMISSIONER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the action of the Democratic primary on June 3.

G. G. MOORE. (Paid political advertising—D&SW)

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER From Kinston Township, Lenoir Co.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination for one of the county commissioners for Lenoir county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held the third day of June, 1916.

I will appreciate the support of the citizens of Lenoir. S. H. ISLER. (Paid political advertising—d&sw)

To the Voters of the Seventh Senatorial District:

I announce myself a candidate to represent the Seventh Senatorial District in the next General Assembly of North Carolina, session of 1917. Subject to the Democratic primaries. LEVI J. H. MEWBORN. (Paid Political Advertising)

FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the House of Representatives from Lenoir county, subject to the wishes of the voters to be expressed in the Democratic primary of June 3. FRED. I. SUTTON. (Paid political advertising—D&SW)

FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

After much solicitation from people in various sections of the county, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives in the General Assembly of North Carolina, subject to the wishes of the Democratic voters expressed in the primaries June 3d. Respectfully, H. W. BROTHERS. (Paid political advertising—D&SW)

For State Senate From Seventh Senatorial District.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Senator from the Seventh Senatorial District, subject to the action of the primary to be held the third day of June, 1916.

I will appreciate the support of the citizens throughout the district. J. FRANK WOOTEN, Jacksonville, Onslow County. (Paid Political Advertising—D&SW)

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS, LENOIR COUNTY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for renomination for Register of Deeds of Lenoir County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held the third day of June, 1916.

The vote and support of my friends throughout the county will be appreciated. CARL PRIDGEN. (Paid Political Advertising—D&SW)

FOR CORONER.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Coroner of Lenoir county, subject to the wishes of the Democratic voters in the primary on June 3. EUGENE WOOD. (Paid political advertising—D&SW)

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