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MR. HOLT DECLINES.

MR. Robert L. Holt, notwith standing the pleading of his innumerable host of triends, announ ces that he wishes his name with drawn from the race for nomination as Lt. Governor. His reasons for this are that his business interests are such that in justice to himself no other course is open for him. Mr. Holt is manager of four cotton Mills, is manager of his mother's and sister's estate and has other business interests which wholly occupy his entire time, and under the circumstances, he considers it best to have his name withdrawn from the race. In fact he says it is impossible for him to spare the time that would be required of him, should he receive the nomination. This determination he says, is final.

To show the additional work that is put upon his shoulders by reason of his name having been suggested, he showed us the pile of letters received in one day which he was complled to answer. Letters from all over the State, urging him to accept the nomination and assuring him of support.

We are sorry that the conditions are such that Mr. Holt does not see his way clear to become a candidiate for this nomination. If he had only kept "mum" and stood back, his friends would have done the rest. But he positively refuses. We are sure that Mr. Holt would have re ceived the nomination and sure that if nominated be would have been elected. But, he won't let us, and we will have to give it up. But we are sorry !

AYCOCK AND HOLT.

THE following communication, signed "Democrats" appeared in the Charlotte Observer of last Sunday, and we reproduce it to show in what Spirit the name of Mr. R. L. Holt, as Lt. Governor is recieved by other counties.

Mr. Robert L. Holt received a majority of the popular vote of Mecklenburg county for the nomination for Lieutenant Governor at the recent primary election. His friends did not present his name to the people as a candidate until the day of the primaries, and then they were not able to get his tickets to half the precincts in the county. He, however, received almost the unanimous vote in the precincts in which his name was presented. His friends feel confident that had his tickets been placed at all the precincts his vote would have been almost unanimous all over the county.

The above facts demonstrate the great popularity of Mr. Holt among all classes of the people. He is a young man of the people, and is as loyal to-the Democratic party as he is to his friends.

The manufacturing interests of North Cirolina , re not second to any other. It the advancement of the material prosperity of the State no name stands bigher than that of Holt, and no name more prominent than that of Robert L. Holt.

Mr. Holt's friends feel that no name would add more strength to the State ticket. The euphonious combination of Aycock and Holt would be as invincible as pleasing.
Mr. Holf's friends in Mecklenburg,
therefore, ask the other counties in
the State to second his nomination
and make his election unanimous."

We am gratified at the way in

Mr. Robt. L. Holt, is received all over the State, in connection with the second place on the State Democratic ticket; and are sure that if his name had only been suggested a week or so sooner, his nomination would now be assured. As it is, his chances of receiving the nomination are good. In Mecklenburg county, on the day of holding the primaries, his name was suggested for Lieut. Governor, and though tickets were not gotten to near all the precincts, yet the delegates were instructed for him. Wherever his name, all over the country, is suggested, a strong feeling is at ouce manifested for his nomination, and we believe now, notwithstanding the disadvantages under which his friends labor on account of the late hour of presenting his name, he will be nomin-

WE understand that Hon. W. S. Long, of Elon College, will be a candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on the Democratic ticket. Mr Long has been connected with educational work for a long time, and is familiar with the work in all its branches. He now occupies the position of County Superintendent of Public Instruction, which position he has filled very acceptably to our people and would without doubt as honorably fill the place of State Superintendent.

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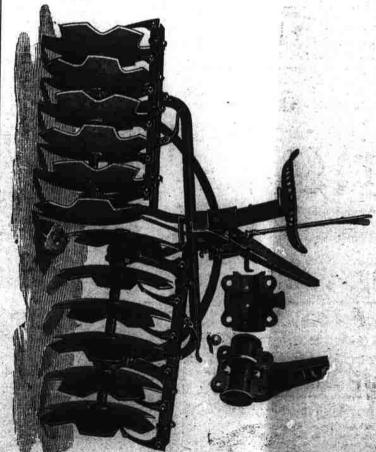
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