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## MR. POU NOMINATED BY A BIG MAJORITY

### Williams Defeats Siler For Solicitor; Lee and Avery Race Uncertain

The primary is over, and though the interest was not as keen as is sometimes manifested, the results are causing no little comment in the political circles. Honorable E. W. Pou was elected as congressman from the Fourth district to succeed himself, with an overwhelming majority. He polled by far the largest vote in Johnston county of any candidate on the ticket, receiving 1704 votes to 29 cast for Person, his opponent. It was expected, however, that such would be the case, and it was left to the other two candidates to furnish the element of surprise as to results in Johnston. Mr. Clawson L. Williams, the Lee County candidate for solicitor, against Mr. W. D. Siler, of Chatham, the present incumbent, won the race not only in Johnston but in the district, Johnston giving him a majority of 152.

As to the member of the Corporation Commission, returns in the State are yet incomplete and both candidates, W. T. Lee and A. C. Avery are claiming the victory. Johnston county voted for Avery by a 579 majority.

The official returns by townships are as follows:

Clayton: Pou, 221; Person 5; Lee, 104; Avery 90; Siler 78; Williams, 151.

Cleveland: Pou 77; Person 1; Lee, 4; Avery 71; Siler 1; Williams 77.

Elevation: Pou 37; Person, 1; Lee 5; Avery 32; Siler 31; Williams 7.

Pleasant Grove: Pou, 25; Person 3; Lee 23; Avery 5; Siler, 0; Williams 28.

Bamber: Pou 127; Person, 2; Lee, 57; Avery, 63; Siler 57; Williams, 71. Meadow: Pou 82; Person 1; Lee 10; Avery 70; Siler 10, Williams 70.

Bentonsville: Pou 49, Person 0; Lee 7, Avery 42; Siler 7, Williams 42.

Boon Hill: Pou 91, Person 0; Lee 22, Avery 67; Siler 70, Williams 21. Pine Level: Pou 80, Person 0; Lee 38, Avery 34; Siler 43, Williams 34.

Micro: Pou 38, Person 2; Lee 0, Avery 40; Siler 38, Williams 2. Beulah: Pou 106, Person 7; Lee 2; Avery 109; Siler 38, Williams 73.

Oneals: Pou 46, Person 0; Lee 2, Avery 43; Siler 19, Williams 27.

Wilders: Pou 105, Person 1; Lee 49, Avery 37; Siler 101, Williams 1.

Wilson's Mills: Pou 59, Person 0; Lee 46, Avery 9; Siler 10, Williams 47.

Selma: Pou 170, Person 6; Lee 8, Avery 163; Siler 41, Williams 137.

Smithfield: Pou 391, Person 0; Lee 138, Avery 223; Siler 237, Williams 145.

## BRYAN VISITOR AT DAVIDSON COLLEGE

CHARLOTTE, June 4.—William Jennings Bryan spent Saturday night in the city and Sunday at Davidson, his business at the latter place being to arrange for the entrance of his son in the fall. He went unheralded, but was made to speak this morning in the Presbyterian church.

People from Mooresville and other towns heard him, phone messages having been sent of his presence at the college. His subject was "All," and his remarks were based on the First Commandment, emphasizing the three alls. The "All thy heart, all thy soul, all thy mind." Part of his talk was a strong invective against evolution. He was the dinner guest of President of Mrs. Martin. Dr. Harding, of the faculty, accompanied him to Charlotte. He went to Jacksonville from here.—News and Observer.

## Largest Steamship in the World.

The new Majestic of the White Star Line, the largest steamship in the world sailed from New York last week carrying 1,600 voyagers to Europe. The Majestic is making the return half of her maiden voyage. The day before the ship left the New York harbor the public was allowed to visit the ship, and approximately 10,000 persons availed themselves of the opportunity.

## ALL PROPHECIES WAY OFF COURSE IN PRIMARY VOTE

### "Old Guard" Dazed By the Overturn in Avery-Lee Contest—Strong Machine Candidates Defeated

Sabbatical contemplation of such meagre results of Saturday's primary as were available yesterday brought all who meditated upon them to realization of the eternal truth in the scriptural "Whether there be prophets, they shall fail." Probably no primary in the history of the State brought more prophets and prophecies to disillusion and disenchantment.

All of the dope was upset. Not a man could be found any where Saturday morning who would permit himself so wild a flight as to concede A. C. Avery, the Burke neophyte, a ghost of a showing against the entrenched and fortified W. T. Lee, but nobody is willing to claim an out and out victory for Lee 24 hours after the polls closed.

The so-called "malhine," of which A. D. Watts is the directing head creaked mightily, as the first returns began to trickle in. County after county that had been set down without thought in the Lee column turned up amazing figures on the other side of the ledger. As they came, Mr. Watts, hearing them read, uttered ejaculation after amazed ejaculation.

Last night as midnight drew on, the machine was still creaking, but less hopelessly. Claimants for the Lee candidacy asserted that he would be nominated by a majority of 15,000. Elsewhere there was little comfort, and few claims for candidates who ran under the sanction and approval of Mr. Watts. McLendon was licked in the Tenth Judicial district, and in the Fourth, Siler had been overwhelmed by a majority of 2,500.

Merrison appointees in the Thirteenth Judicial district were defeated or running so near to it as to be mighty nervous going. Donald Phillips, the only soldier candidate to get any where in the State, has defeated M. W. Nash, named by the Governor, and A. M. Stack, of Monroe, was crowding Judge W. E. Brock mighty close to the brink of defeat. Union county still has four precincts with which to overcome a lead of 300 claimed by Brock in other counties.

Definite analysis of the figures cannot be made until figures are in hand to analyze, but commentators not of the faith of Mr. Watts see in the Avery vote a tremendous re-echo of the State tax laws. Durham's vote action against the administration of against Lee is taken as a repudiation of the Watts-Lee-Manning rebate of \$110,000 in taxes to the American and Liggett & Myers tobacco companies last August.

The Avery vote in the East is surprisingly large, even in counties where there has been no direct agitation or irritation to stir up reaction. Pitt county's majority of 25,000 is one of the most surprising things that has happened in State politics within the decade. From his headquarters in Morganton Avery is claiming the lead, a like position is being maintained at the Raleigh headquarters of Watts and Lee.

The upheaval in the Fourth district and a 2,500 majority against W. D. Siler by a comparatively unknown lawyer stands second to the Avery-Lee contest in thought-compelling import. Siler's friends were confident that he would carry the district by the usual majorities, and have not yet awakened from the daze into which returns precipitated them Saturday night.

Third district returns as yet are too scattered to justify more than a prediction that Abernethy and Matt Allen will enter a second primary. The vote is not complete, but it is apparent that Abernethy will fall short of a majority and that Allen has slumped sharply from the pre-primary claims made for him as late as last Friday night. Hobbs showed a surprising strength.

The established order got another severe jolt in the Ninth judicial district when J. E. Carpenter nosed into the second primary against two experienced campaigners. McNeill appears to have encountered snags and Ed Smith's campaign sprung a leak sometime Saturday morning and is sunk without much of a trace. Nobody expected Carpenter to get

## FAVORABLE REPORT ON THE FORD OFFER

### House Military Committee To Recommend Adoption By Lower Body

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The House Military Committee voted today to report the Ford proposal to the House and recommend its adoption.

Recommendation, however, will be made by the committee in reporting the Ford proposal that the Gorgas steam power plant, which is sought by the Detroit manufacturer, be eliminated from the properties, disposed of by the government.

The action of the committee followed discussions of differences in the offer as made by Mr. Ford and the model proposed evolved by the committee after inquiry into the offer of the Detroit manufacturer and others. Complete agreement was reached by the committee members and representatives of Mr. Ford on the fertilizer provisions, which had been in dispute.

The committee, in deciding to report the offer to the House, complied with the request of Mr. Ford that the House itself be permitted to vote upon acceptance or rejection of his offer.

What action Mr. Ford might take in the matter should the House vote to accept the recommendation of the committee for elimination of the Gorgas plant was problematical. W. B. Mayo and J. W. Worthington, representatives of Mr. Ford, had been excused by the committee during the latter part of its discussion and were in waiting to learn the Committee's decision when the doors were opened.

"There is nothing that I can say," Mr. Mayo said, referring to the elimination of the Gorgas property. He called attention, however, to the letter Mr. Ford submitted to the committee Thursday saying the plant was essential to his plan of operation at Muscle Shoals and that his offer should be accepted "in whole and not in part." Both Mr. Mayo and Dr. Worthington emphasized the letter was "final."

The committee agreed to meet again Monday to discuss preparation of the reports that will be submitted to the House with the offer. The majority report, it was said, would contend for the elimination of the Gorgas property while a minority opinion, probably signed by nine of the twenty-one members, also would be submitted, urging that the Gorgas plan be included in accordance with Mr. Ford's final offer.

The vote of the committee to report the offer with the Gorgas plant eliminated and with the fertilizer amendment as agreed to today was understood to be 12 to 9.

The other proposals for Muscle Shoals development made by the Alabama Power Company, Frederick Engstrom, and Charles L. Parsons, were rejected in effect by the committee in declaring to report only the Ford proposal to the House.

What references the committee may see fit to make regarding the remaining offers will be contained in the report of the majority and minority members when they are drafted and given to the House for its information.

## Mr. Crumpton Goes to Lumberton.

LUMBERTON, June 1.—W. B. Crumpton, Jr., who has been superintendent of the Selma graded schools for the last three years, has been elected as head of the Lumberton schools to succeed Prof. W. W. Cale who resigned at the close of the last term. Mr. Crumpton was elected by the local school board and has accepted the position.—News and Observer.

Regularly had not much to choose between Sinclair and H. L. Cook, and the defeat of Cook is not surprising. Sinclair has ridden the district as solicitor in former times, and knew it thoroughly. His victory runs fairly true to prophecy. Down in the Eighth district Bickett's appointee appears to have reversed the indications of early returns and won out by a hundred. Woodus Kellum had no opposition.—News and Observer.

## DR. POTEAT PLEASURES A LARGE AUDIENCE

### Edward Patterson Winner of Edwin S. Pou Medal; 14 Get Diplomas

The school auditorium was packed both Thursday and Friday evenings to enjoy the closing exercises for the year 1921-'22. Thursday evening the Senior Class Day program was presented in a unique manner being a burlesque upon the passing of the class. Black draperies above the stage together with ferns formed a fitting setting for the obsequies of the hour. The fourteen shrouded seniors took their places solemnly, to the strains of a funeral march, and the sad rites began. Mr. Erwin Pittman diagnosed the symptoms of the fast declining class, and pointing out that all was past hope, paved the way for the winding up of affairs as seniors in T. G. S.

Miss Lucy Wellons gave the class history representing the events of the years as peaceful and typical of other classes gone before.

Mr. William Booker had compiled the class statistics which proved rather more interesting than statistics usually are.

The feature of the class was foretold by a huge daisy which ornamented the table on the rostrum and the interpreter was Miss Elizabeth Young. Using the pretty superstition that one's fortune can be told by plucking the daisy petals repeating, "He loves me; he loves me not," the prophetic of the class dipped further into the future and read the careers of her classmates in 1943. Because the daisy was the class flower, the idea was all the more charming.

The last will and testament was read by Mr. Harry Biggs, who combined wit and seriousness in the disposal of the effects of the class.

During the evening Miss Sarah Patterson of the Junior class pronounced an appropriate Eulogy, and the spirits of the seniors departed with the promise to return once more on the following evening.

In accord with their promise the graduates made their appearance again Friday evening this time to receive their diplomas. Rev. Neill McInnis, pastor of the Presbyterian church, made the invocation following a selection by the Girls Glee Club, and then the president of the class, Mr. Erwin Pittman, delivered the salutatory address.

Judge F. H. Brooks, chairman of the Board of Trustees, then presented the speaker of the evening, Dr. William Louis Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, who in his delightful style kept the audience rapt in attention to the words of his discourse. Dr. Poteat did homage to the people of this community for providing such school facilities as we have. He said he knew of no community with so magnificent a plant as is being constructed for the youth of this section. Interspersing his remarks with characteristic humor, the time passed very quickly, and before the audience hardly knew it, the chairman of the school board was delivering the diplomas.

Following this, the most coveted honor which comes to a graduate of T. G. S. was awarded, this being the Edwin Smith Pou medal given each year by Congressman E. W. Pou in memory of his son who fell in the World War, to that student who makes the best scholastic record during the four years of high school. Mr. Edward Patterson was the winner of this medal this year and was fittingly presented by Mr. A. M. Noble.

There were four other prizes given this year, a medal by Supt. Franks for the best original oration, a five dollar gold piece given by Mrs. T. J. Lassiter for the best original work in English, a five dollar gold piece by Mr. G. T. Whitley for the best Thrift essay written by an eighth grade pupil, and a book given by Mr. Whitley as a second prize for a thrift essay. In these contests, Mr. Harry Biggs won the orator's medal, Mr. William Booker, the English prize, Miss Irene Page Stevens, the first Thrift prize, and Miss Sarah Adams, the second Thrift prize. Mr. L. G. Stevens delivered these prizes.

This year prizes were also offered

## 65 PER CENT. COTTON GOODS SPUN IN DIXIE

### Textile President Predicts the South Soon Will Eclipse New England.

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, June 2.—Sixty-five per cent of the cotton goods manufactured in the United States during the month of May was spun in the cotton growing states of the south, President G. A. Johnson, of the Southern Textile association, declared today in his address before the annual convention of the organization at the Oceanic hotel here.

President Johnson expressed optimism regarding the future of the textile industry and declared he believed the crisis due to economic conditions safely passed.

The convention opened this morning with an address of welcome by J. W. Little, of county commissioners, acting on behalf of Mayor James H. Cowan, of Wilmington. L. R. Gilbert, of Raleigh, responded, paying a high tribute to Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach. Two hundred delegates answered the roll call.

This afternoon was spent by the delegates in round table discussions of problems confronting the general industry. The annual election of officers will take place Saturday.

In his address, President Johnson declared the Southern Textile association has probably passed through the most trying period of existence during the past year. He lauded the progress made in the south during recent months, and predicted that this section would lead New England within the space of a few years. He called attention to the fact that of the spindle membership included in the national association, the south has shown an increase of 284 per cent. within the past year, as against 34 per cent. for the New England states.

In September, he said, the Carolinas worked 35.7 more spindle hours than Massachusetts, 58.1 more in November and 43 more in December. Southern laws, Mr. Johnson asserted in many ways hamper and restrict the greatest home industry, as do far higher taxes than imposed in New England states.

Mr. Gilbert touched on the improvement in living conditions among textile workers of the south, as well as increased efficiency on the part of employees.—Greensboro News.

## LENINE SUFFERS AN APOPLECTIC STROKE

MOSCOW, June 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—Confirmation was obtained today of the report that Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik Premier, had suffered an apoplectic stroke. It is declared his condition is serious, but that he is improving.

## THREE PEOPLE KILLED CROSSING ACCIDENT

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., June 4.—Three persons were killed and two passengers coaches derailed late today, when Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic train No. 27 struck an automobile at a crossing near here.

in the music department to those in each class who rendered their selections best in the recitals. There were two prizes given in each class, one to the younger pupils, and one to the older ones. Those in Miss Newell's class winning this honor were Misses Ruth Brooks and Mary Ellen Lawrence. Those in Miss Maxwell's class were Misses Leone Sanders and Lucile Taylor. Mr. G. A. Martin presented these prizes.

This part of the program was brought to a close by the reading of the honor roll by Supt. Franks which we hope to publish in an early issue of the paper. Thirty-nine Certificates for perfect attendance with no tardies were awarded. Also certificates for those making a certain speed were delivered to typewriting students. Mr. John Ennis, a member of the graduating class, did especially good work in this department and will receive a gold medal from the Underwood School of Typewriting.

The Boys' Glee Club then rendered several selections after which the valedictory address was delivered by Mr. Edward Patterson.

Thus passed into history another commencement, which marked the closing of a very successful school year.

## JOHNSTON STANDS A SHOW NEXT FALL

### County Opportunity At the State Fair Says The Wilmington Star

North Carolina counties will have a fine opportunity to get some valuable publicity at the state fair at Raleigh this fall. Mrs. Vanderbilt, president of the North Carolina Agricultural society, and the management of the great state exposition, are laying special emphasis on county exhibits and for the purpose of stimulating the interest in county exhibits, the premiums offered have been increased 60 per cent. For such exhibits alone, the premiums will aggregate \$3,342.50. The first prize will be \$600, and there will be prizes of \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$150, \$100. There will also be other prizes.

Of course, the county which is going to take that first prize is going to secure a lot of prestige for itself. We know of one county which is going after the cash, the prestige and the publicity, that the award of presmanship is going to secure for some live North Carolina county. That county is Johnston and her county agent and Johnston livewires generally are not letting any grass grow under their feet in making their preparations to put their county in the limelight at North Carolina's great state fair in November. One of Johnston's big ideas is to attract home-seekers, and in order to do that she is not only going to make a smashing exhibit but is actually going to stand around and hand out attractive printing matter, portraying the wonderful advantages of that great North Carolina county. Those Johnstons are a hefty set and the Star glories in their spunk, for they are setting a splendid example for other counties which might just as well come to the conclusion that if they expect to get in the neighborhood of what they want they will have to go after it.

Johnston county is full of some of the finest people in North Carolina and there is room there for more. Newcomers would have the advantage of locating in a splendid county among a capital lot of Carolinians, and there is no telling how many people will see her exhibit at the state fair and get stuck on that county.

We might talk ten years longer about needing more population for our amazingly productive lands, but we never will attract home-seekers till we do something to show that we want them worse than our unutilized lands need them. Johnston wants them and she is apt to get them. She is doing what every other North Carolina county ought to do, so the Star takes off its straw lid to Johnston and is ready to do the same for any county which does things to magnify the advantages of eastern Carolina.

Whenever eastern Carolina decides to make the world sit up and take notice she can do it.—Wilmington Star.

## ROBBER OF RANDLEMAN BANK SURRENDERS

NEW ORLEANS, La., June 4.—A man who stated he was William Ferguson, of Randleman, N. C., walked into police headquarters tonight and told the police that he robbed the Peoples Bank of that place of \$467 on May 16 last.

Ferguson, the police said, told them how he had planned the robbery and held up the cashier of the bank at the point of a pistol in broad daylight and escaped with two packages of money. He said he was the proprietor of a small restaurant in Randleman, but was forced to sell his business last December when his wife became ill. He declared he stole the money to pay hospital bills, he told the police.

"My wife is sick. I want to see her, and am ready to face the music," he said, after relating his story to the police.

Ferguson was charged with being a fugitive from justice. Notification of his arrest was sent to the Randleman authorities.

"I love to idle by the sea And spend the day in reverie, And dream of glories yet to come, And so does every other bum."