

## INTEREST GROWS IN PRIMARY WALKER SPEAKS AT POPLAR BRANCH

**Announcements by New Candidates Assure Plenty of Excitement Next Tuesday**

Those who had predicted that Elizabeth City was about to have a quiet aldermanic primary for once, seem again to have missed the mark.

The definite announcement from W. R. Williams that he is candidate makes certain a warm and interesting race in the fourth ward between himself and J. L. Pritchard; while in the first ward interest has been added to interest by the coming out of Roscoe Foreman and S. H. Johnson.

With the appearance of these two candidates in the field rumors have begun to float about that Mathias Owens would withdraw from the race; but in this paper he authorizes the definite statement that he is in the race to the finish.

Another new candidate in the field is D. C. Perry who in this issue is announcing his candidacy to represent the third ward. Previous primaries have shown Perry popular; but P. C. Cohoon and C. C. Pappendick were in the field before him and both are expected to make a good showing.

With the entry of new candidates and the certainty that in practically every ward at least one of the candidates will have to fight for the nomination popular interest is warming up and the indications are that the vote will be unusually large. The fact that the board now decided upon will appoint the city officers and name the town's first city manager is causing public spirited citizens to look forward to its results with unusual interest.

### GILBERT SAYS IT AGAIN

Mr. O. F. Gilbert calls attention again in this issue to his recent purchase of a \$2,500 lot of men's clothing from L. T. Grief & Company of Baltimore. Mr. Gilbert was on the spot when the large order was ready to be shipped to another firm and the Grief Company learned that this firm was financially involved and held up shipment. Seizing the opportunity to secure for his customers some unusual values Mr. Gilbert took over the entire order and tells of the bargains which he is thus able to offer on page eight.

Dr. O. McMullan left Monday for the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco. He is expected to return about the fifteenth of May.

**Delivers Inspiring Address On Occasion of Second County Commencement**

With hundreds of enthusiastic school children and loyal patrons and citizens, Currituck county, April 17th, celebrated the second annual county commencement of public schools. Ushered in with an inclement sky that soon changed to fair, this occasion was one of the greatest educational days in the history of Poplar Branch and Currituck County. Early in the morning cars loaded with people began pouring into the village from different sections of the county, and by 12 o'clock the school yard and auditorium were thronged with happy and jolly people proud of the grand occasion which marks another milestone on the road of progress in Currituck.

The weather threatening prevented the much expected parade and at eleven o'clock the exercises began in the high school auditorium. The exercises were opened with music, after which the Rev. C. P. Jerome conducted the invocation. Supt. J. M. Newbern presided and introduced Prof. N. W. Walker as one of Currituck's noble sons joyously returning to his native people who are always delighted to see him. Prof. Walker delivered an interesting, instructive and practical address to an auditorium crowded with eager and anxious souls to hear his inspiring message.

After Dr. Walker's address he was asked by Supt. J. M. Newbern to deliver the certificates of promotion to the students finishing the seventh grade. Before he delivered the certificates he talked to the students urging them to enter high school next year. Poplar Branch school received fifteen certificates for students completing seventh grade work, the largest number any one school received, while Grandy followed next in order, receiving seven.

After the certificates were delivered little Nettie Snowden of the seventh grade presented an attractively printed and painted and neatly framed copy of 'The Long Leaf Pine' to Prof. Walker. She spoke as follows:

Professor Walker, in behalf of the seventh grade I wish to present to you this little scrap of our handiwork. I know that in your travels through our great state you have had many nice things said to you that a little girl can say, but I can assure you that there is no one who loves you more or appreciates you more highly than your little friends at Poplar Branch. As we go into higher grades we know that we have your strong arm upon which to lean. Be true to us and we will be true to you.



**Prof. N. W. Walker,  
of Chapel Hill**

**NATIVE OF CURRITUCK WHO SPEKE AT SOUTH MILLS AND AT POPLAR BRANCH LAST WEEK.**

to our State, and to our Nation. "My dear friend, please accept this not for its intrinsic value but as a token of our affection. We hope in the future to present to you something of more value."

In his address Prof. Walker urged the people to buy and set up here a printing press and publish a paper as another organ of the county. When he asked for contributions for this enterprise about a forty-five percent of the audience helped to help forward.

Dinner and cream were served on the grounds by the Betterment Association, proceeds of which amounted to fifty-five dollars. Immediately after dinner the school girls engaged in a lively basket ball contest. Miss Irma Forbes of Minnesota, acted as referee. Next the boys played a hotly contested game of tennis.

The declamation and recitation contests which attracted the attention of the crowd next were of more than ordinary excellence. Blanche Griggs won the medal for the best recitation. This medal is given by Dr. Griggs. Julian Barm won the medal for the best declamation. This medal is given by Judge Ansell of Washington, D. C. Both of the winners were pupils of the Poplar Branch School.

Another interesting feature of the afternoon was an old fashioned spelling bee conducted by Miss Morrow of Graham, N. C. Fannie Simpson proved to be the best speller and won the Webster's Universal Dictionary given by Dr. W. T. Griggs. After the spelling bee Pearl White presented a copy of the 'Long Leaf Pine' in the name of the seventh grade to the High School. She spoke as follows:

"Fellow students, ladies and gentlemen, language is inadequate to express my feelings toward this school, its officers and teachers. The heart speaks most when the lips move not. However, in behalf of my class I wish to present to this school this little memento—a piece of our own handiwork—be placed on the walls of this building as a reminder to future classes of this class of 1915, the class without a fail—may we be an incentive to each other in work as we grow wiser. May the emblem of our love for our state, our school, our homes and each other. May the tar of the time be emblematic of our stick ability our tenacity of purpose, our undying aim to make the world better by making ourselves better. May enough of the proverbial tar stick to our heels to hold us in the confines of the Old North State, for there is no place like Carolina. Wishing you my friends the best of everything good, I am yours for educational progress."

Poplar Branch won first and second prizes on its exhibits and Grandy won third prize. A musical program of solos, duets, and quartettes was also greatly enjoyed at the close of the day's exercise many of the people who had enjoyed the many varied features of the program lingered on the grounds expressing their appreciation and greeting friends from all parts of the county.

### FOR ALDERMAN FIRST WARD

I hereby announce myself a candidate for alderman from the first ward, subject to the Democratic Primary next Tuesday. Your support will be appreciated.

Respectfully,  
S. H. JOHNSON

## FAISON TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

**Man Who Once Represented Sixth District Discouraged By Poor Health**

News flashed over the state yesterday of the death by suicide of Dr. Jno. M. Faison, congressman from the sixth district, at his home in Faison.

Dr. Faison's health began to decline while in Congress about a year ago and despondency of mind resulted but no thought of self destruction had been expressed by him to friends or family. About eight o'clock Wednesday morning Dr. Faison went into his house, after transacting business with a gentleman in regard to his farm, and entering a small room adjoining his bedroom, placed the muzzle of his shot gun into his mouth and set off the charge with his foot. It is supposed Mrs. Faison was away from home at the time of the accident.

Dr. Faison was about fifty-five years of age and had been actively engaged in the practice of medicine at Faison since early manhood. He was elected to Congress in 1910 and held this position until last year when he refused to again make efforts for re-nomination and was succeeded by Mr. Geo. E. Hood of Goldsboro.

### "GENERAL" COMES TO TOWN

The Woman's Wear Store operated by the M. Leigh Sheep Company, is announcing a general clearance of goods at bargain prices, and on page three of this issue calls attention to items of especial interest on account of their combination of price and quality. The always attractive windows of this store are also featuring some of the many bargains offered the women of the city and section during this sale.

### FOR ALDERMAN 4th WARD

This is to announce that I am a candidate for member of the Board of Aldermen from the Fourth Ward, subject to the Democratic Primary April 27.

W. R. WILLIAMS  
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### FOR ALDERMAN 1st WARD

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman for the First Ward. Your support will be highly appreciated.

Respectfully,  
L. R. FOREMAN  
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Mr. J. B. Bell has returned to his home in Wilmington, Delaware, after a visit to friends and relatives in this city and adjacent counties.

## AWARD CONTRACT MARKET HOUSE

**Bid Of Elizabeth City Contractor Accepted By City**

The contract for Elizabeth City's new municipal market goes to Mr. J. W. Martin of Elizabeth City.

Bids for this contract were opened up yesterday, and Mr. Martin's bid with four out of town contractors bidding against him, was two thousand dollars below that of his next competitor.

The awarding of this contract means that work on the new building will begin at an early date and that the work will be pressed to completion within a year.

Mr. Martin's friends in the city are congratulating him on securing this big contract and the fact that the work is to be done by an Elizabeth City man is a matter in which all the community takes pride.

### INTERESTING TEMPERANCE ADDRESS

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union met with Mrs. J. W. Modlin on Church Street Wednesday afternoon. The annual election of officers took place with the following results: Mrs. Clay Foreman elected president, Mrs. P. S. Shipp, Mrs. Chas Reid, Mrs. W. J. Wootley, Mrs. M. E. Melick, Mrs. J. W. Modlin, elected Vice Presidents. Mrs. Wm. Guettehup, Secretary, Mrs. R. T. Venters, Treasurer, Mrs. Kate Zimmerman, corresponding secretary.

Following the election Mrs. Hartzler of Harrisburg, Pa. made a very interesting and instructive talk, speaking upon the W. C. T. U. work in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hartzler told of the friendship of the Governor of her state for the W. C. T. U. work and of his slogan, 'Pennsylvania Dry in 1916,' of the two members of the legislature who opposed statewide prohibition, one who had recently come over to the prohibition forces having been influenced to do so by the efforts of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Hartzler said also that the liquor dealers realize that they have practically lost out in the fight and are getting ready to go into other business. The largest brewer in the state is now erecting a hundred thousand dollar bakery. The governor has said that if the prohibition bill fails he will go into every city, town and village and speak in behalf of setting Pennsylvania free from rum at the next legislature.

After Mrs. Hartzler's talk the President of the W. C. T. U. appointed Mrs. R. W. Foreman and Mrs. R. W. Turner captains of a membership contest in which the organization will engage.