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## LIGON OF LILLINGTON NOT TO BE REMOVED

Congressman Godwin Makes Investigation and Saves Postmaster His Job.

Washington, May 1.—Postmaster J. E. Ligon, of Lillington, will not be removed from office. His job has been saved for him by Congressman Godwin, who made a personal investigation of the charges filed against him and then showed the postoffice department that there was nothing against his appointee.

Some weeks ago the postoffice department notified Mr. Godwin that Ligon had ignored all official communications sent to him and in the opinion of the department had neglected his duties in other ways, and that it had been decided to remove him from office. Mr. Godwin was asked to name a man to succeed Ligon.

The sixth district congressman, however, took a personal interest in Ligon and made a trip to Lillington to investigate. He was convinced he says, that there was nothing to the charges and today the department notified him that they had been dropped and that Ligon would continue to head out mail to the patrons of the Lillington office.

Mr. Godwin before leaving for his district, where he will make several speeches, tonight gave out the following statement:

"I have made a thorough investigation of the case of Postmaster J. E. Ligon, at Lillington. The department made complaint because he had failed to respond to official communications and especially because he did not answer the final communication addressed to him on April 7.

"I have looked into the records of the case and find that he made no response to the last communication. I made a trip to Lillington to investigate as to whether or not he has been rendering efficient service and find that the people there are solidly behind him. I was told by practically all the patrons of the office that his record as a postmaster has been entirely satisfactory.

He received the communication in question, and, therefore, the department has decided to drop the charges and he will continue as postmaster."

## PREACHER ATTACKS BURIAL SERVICE

Refuses to Say "Thy Will Be Done" in Case of Death From Typhoid

That there is a lie in the burial services was the statement of a distinguished clergyman in a public address recently delivered from the steps of the City Hall in Brooklyn. He declared that the practice of ascribing deaths to the Almighty instead of to the true causes was lying of a pretty base order. The result of this bold statement was a denial of a great deal of professional righteousness and the minister in his efforts to state medical truths and defend the Lord against the most hackneyed of slanders was publicly denounced.

The Medical Times commenting on this incident says: "Why is it blasphemous in this year of grace to tell the truth about the real origin of infectious diseases? Why ascribe to God a death from typhoid fever, the source of which is polluted drinking water? What have the Dark Ages got on us, anyway?"

The State Board of Health agrees with the Medical Times and says: Blaming deaths from preventable diseases on Providence, calling them "mysterious dispensations of Providence" is rapidly passing in North Carolina under the light of public health education, to the extent that a number of ministers have publicly expressed themselves as refusing to use the usual burial services in connection with a death from typhoid fever, or any other preventable disease, which attributes the death to "His Will" rather than to the true source—carelessness and neglect of some human being.

## A NOBLE CREED

I believe there is a spirit of universal right that binds together the good deeds and worthy enterprises of the world, that inspires noble conduct and virtuous living among men that reside in private and public life, that lifts up the fallen and protects the weak, that cheers the upright and confounds the wicked, the creates liberty and destroys tyranny, that engenders hope and honor and sympathy and love, and teaches all mankind to reverence the mercy and goodness and wisdom of Almighty God.—Extract from Speech of Hon. W. W. Kitchin in the Congress of the United States.

READ THE DUNN DISPATCH

## Get Ready For Community Fair At Coats Next Fall

In a preliminary meeting at Coats last week a permanent organization was effected, looking forward for a community fair to be held at Coats next fall. The following officers and executive committee were appointed:

Prof. Owen Odum, president; Oscar S. Young, secretary-treasurer. The executive committee are as follows: Z. Byrd of Parker school, H. B. Ryals of Sorrell school, R. D. Ennis of Ennis school, J. M. Langdon of Fairhope school, B. F. Parrish of Coats school, J. H. Pamy school, L. L. Turlington of Turlington school.

The community fair is something new in our county. Our object is three-fold—educational, agricultural and social. There seems to be great interest manifested in this movement and we earnestly solicit the co-operation of all who are interested in the educational, agricultural and social conditions of our county.

The following outline program was adopted and will be filled in by the executive committee on next Friday May 6th, at 4:00 p. m., at the close of the commencement exercises of Coats school.

Department of Field Crops and Garden Products, two directors.

Department of Orchard Products, two directors.

Department of Live Stock and Horses and mules, two directors.

Cattle Department, two directors.

Department of sheep, goats and swine, two directors.

Department of poultry, two directors.

Department of pantry and Dairy, (by women over 18 years of age) two directors.

Department of Pantry and Dairy, (by girls under 18 years) two directors.

Department of sewing and fancy work, (by women over 18 years), two directors.

Department of sewing and fancy work (by girls under 18 years) two directors.

Department of Manual Arts, two directors.

Department of Plants and Flowers.

Exhibit of Tomato Club Girls, two directors.

Boys Corn Club, two directors.

Educational Exhibit, two directors.

Miscellaneous Department, two directors.

Athletic Contest, two directors.

OWEN ODUM, President.

OSCAR S. YOUNG, Sec-Treas.

## ORGANIZATION FOR COTTON GROWERS

In the current issue of the Farmers' Market Bulletin the reasons for cotton farmers organizing are stated to be as follows:

1. To grow a more uniform quality of cotton.

2. To be in a better position to meet the needs of the mills of the State.

3. To secure the benefits of official grading of cotton by the State.

4. To gain in some cases deliverances from the monopoly of local buyers, and in any case to keep in touch with the prices quoted, and be in a position to sell in more than one market.

5. To have the cotton of members classed and sold in large lots, according to grade and staple.

6. To use every possible means to encourage the establishment of a system of uniform quotations which shall be based upon uniform grades in all markets.

7. To be in a position to store cotton whenever prices are unfavorable.

8. To secure credit for members on the most favorable terms.

9. To sell cotton when and where the best prices and values may be obtained, and in general to secure a more uniform and a less speculative distribution of the crop.

It may not pay for farmers to organize for any one of these purposes, but it should for all of them. All who are interested may obtain a form of by-laws and other information as to the formation of a cotton marketing association by writing to the Division of Markets, West Raleigh, N. C.—Extension Farm News.

## ATTENTION PHYSICIANS

Account Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons the Atlantic Coast Line have announced an excursion fare of \$14.55 from Dunn to Washington, D. C. Tickets will be sold for all trains on May 7 and 8, limited returning to reach Dunn not later than midnight of May 15. Proportionately low fares will be made from all other points on the A. C. L. These rates are open to the public.

For Pullman reservations and further information apply to J. W. Whitehead, Ticket Agent, Dunn.

## ATLANTIC COAST LINE

The Standard Railroad of the South

## DUKE NEWS

Duke, April 28.—The address of Dr. E. W. Knight, Thursday night was the opening event of the Duke Graded school commencement. The commencement exercises were of a high, grand and impressive order, beginning Wednesday evening, April 19th, 7:30 o'clock, and closing Friday afternoon 5 o'clock.

The past year, as well as the commencement exercises, was the most successful in the history of the school. The work shown throughout the commencement exercises, fully demonstrated the calibre of the school, and the efficiency of the faculty that has been in charge of it for the past year, which was composed of Prof. J. E. Dowd, of Angier, principal, Misses Fannie Robertson, Rowland; Moss Godwin and Catherine Creel, Doria; Osa and Pearl Taylor, Oxford; and Ella Shellburne, of Dot, Vt. assistants.

The exercises Wednesday afternoon consisted of a musical recital. There was no part of the program more highly appreciated and enjoyed than this exercise. It thoroughly demonstrated the efficient work that has been carried on for the past year in the school under the able instruction of Miss Shellburne. Thursday afternoon was taken up with the graduating exercises and debating contest. The graduating exercises were of a high and impressive order. The three who graduated were: Misses Lucile Dowd, a Male Overy, and Mr. Lyman Stephenson. The debating contest was the best ever held in the school. The query was: "Resolved, That the United States should adopt a policy of greatly enlarging its navy." The question was ably, clearly and eloquently handled. The boys did credit for themselves, school and community. This was the first of the program will be remembered by those who heard it. The annual address was delivered by Mr. A. Oates, of Fayetteville, N. C., along the line of general education and social development. Mr. Oates was at his best, and never more eloquent and impressive. He held his audience for an hour and a half, and his address was a full and complete education to the community. It doubtless awakens many to a new educational duty.

## NEWS FROM COATS

Harnett County Clover Club to Meet There This Month.

Coats, May 2.—Harnett County Clover Club will meet at the building on Saturday, May 13th, at 2 p. m. The program follows:

2:00 P. M.—Reorganization and election of officers.

2:30—Address, C. R. Hudson.

3:00—Address, Hon. H. L. Godwin.

3:30—Address, T. H. Webb.

4:00—Baby contest. Contest compositions and declamations, also judging of bouquets and corn.

4:00—Round table discussion—"How I Grew My Clover". Five minutes talk from different members. Prizes offered for next year.

Get ready for Community Fair next fall! Bring all kinds of farm and garden crops, fruits, vegetables domestic animals and specimens of all kinds of domestic science.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following deeds have been filed for registration in the office of Register of Deeds since our last issue:

Ernest P. Maynard, Trustee, to Mrs. Maggie D. Stone, 170 acres in Lillington township; consideration, \$2,975.

Jas. McQueen McCormick and wife to Olive Buie and heirs-at-law of D. W. Buie, one tract in Barbours township; consideration, \$500.

Edgar S. Smith and wife to Olive Buie, 45 acres in Barbours township; consideration, \$500.

J. J. Lane and wife to Mary Y. Thompson, one lot in Dunn; consideration, \$1 and other valuable considerations.

John A. Clark to H. G. Holder, 130 acres in Barbours township; consideration, \$775.

F. R. Clark to Horace G. Holder, 179 acres in Barbours township; consideration, \$900.

Moses Ivey and wife to W. L. Peoples, two lots in Dunn; consideration, \$1,500.

Sarah C. Showver to Hugh G. Cameron, 31 acres in Barbours township; consideration, \$500.

J. R. Rhoads and wife to E. M. Henley, lot No. 6, Block "P" in Coats consideration, \$200.

L. G. Ryals and wife to E. M. Henley, two lots in town of Coats; consideration, \$175.

C. T. Johnson and wife to J. B. Barefoot, 16 1-2 acres in Aversboro township; consideration, \$650.

J. J. Lane and wife and J. W. W. Thompson and wife to Lillian Wilkinson, one lot in Dunn; consideration, \$1 and other valuable considerations.

Silas Moore to H. A. Barnes, 50 acres; consideration, \$300. This deed was made in 1898.

Margaret Johnson et al to Geo. W. Whitfield, 700 acres in Stewart's Creek township; consideration, \$1,500. This deed was made in 1880.—Harnett Post.

## ANGIER HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES

Angier, April 27th.—The Angier High school closed Friday afternoon. The commencement exercises were of a high, grand and impressive order, beginning Wednesday evening, April 19th, 7:30 o'clock, and closing Friday afternoon 5 o'clock.

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The recitation and declamation contest was held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The contest was participated in by eight boys and eight girls. The recitations and declamations were of a high order, recited and declaimed in an eloquent and forcible manner. Each girl and boy acquitted himself with honor, and reflected credit upon the school and faculty. No part of the program was better enjoyed, than the children or primary exercises, which were composed of a "Nigger Minstrel," Tom Thumb wedding and May Pole dance. These exercises showed that the little folks have not been overlooked, and that those who have had them in charge for the past year, have left nothing undone to make them what they ought to be when grown into manhood and womanhood.

Medals and prizes were awarded the following students: Declaimer's medal, by J. A. Hockaday of Angier to Irwin J. Stephenson; Reciter's medal, by F. G. Johnson of Angier, to Kate Johnson; Debater's medal, by D. W. Denning of Angier, to E. J. Fish; and penmanship prizes (Fountain pen) by Miss Osa Taylor of Oxford, to Kile Stephenson.

## Commencement Program Newton Grove School

Thursday, May 4, 8:30 p. m.

Chorus by school.

Jack and Gill Wedding, Primary grades.

Closing Day at Beulahville, Primary grades.

Pocahontas (a play) 14 characters.

Rose Drill, 9 girls.

Friday, May 5, 10:00 a. m.

America, by school.

Prayer, Rev. Mr. Siler.

Debate: Resolved, That North Carolina should enact a law prohibiting children under 16 years of age from working in mills and factories.

Affirmative: Aaron McLamb, Eunice Westbrook.

Negative: James Bryan, Annie Godwin.

Address, E. S. W. Dameron.

Dinner.

Friday, May 5, 2:00 p. m.

Chorus, by girls.

Recitations (contest), 9 girls.

Ball Game.

Friday, May 5, 8:00 p. m.

Chorus, by girls.

Breezy Point (a play), 11 characters.

Hawthorne (pantomime) 13 girls.

Awarding of medals.

Music by music class and local talent.

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## RALEIGH NEWS LETTER

Raleigh, N. C., May 2.—While the great gathering of Democrats in this city formed the most harmonious political State convention that has assembled in North Carolina within the forty years that have elapsed since the great campaign of 1876, when under the leadership of the immortal Zeb Vance the State was redeemed from negro and carpet-bag rule, it had its "features."

Senator Simmons' masterly presentation of the record of the party and the issues that are involved in the future, which so insistently call for the continuation of the Democratic party in power in both State and Nation, was of course the main feature.

He was appropriately and eloquently presented by Chairman Warren and was attentively listened to by all who could hear him and warmly and heartily applauded at intervals and at the conclusion of his address.

As we all know, the Senator's head and heart form the trinity that has carried him to the front rank of American statesmen, and his tongue and lungs have always played a subordinate part. It was so on this occasion, for in a big auditorium like the scene of this convention his earnest, and at times eloquent words, burning with emphasis were heard only at infrequent intervals by a considerable portion of the great audience. But the powerful speech will be read all over North Carolina during the campaign and every patriotic Democrat in the State will be inspired thereby to buckle on the armor of party zeal and activity anew and continue with confidence the fight for good government and clean politics—for democracy and decency.

## Tribute To Wade Harris.

About the only "exciting" feature of the convention was that furnished by elector-at-large Cameron Morrison of Mecklenburg, when he arose and broke "state" of alternatives—large to the national convention. The names of four fine men had been presented at one time by a delegate. Before the vote was announced Mr. Morrison in the closing days of the convention.

eloquence for which he is noted, and speaking from the rear of the auditorium, thrilled the convention with a brief denunciation of Marion Butler, whom he characterized as "the arch-traitor to the white race." He expressed the hope that the convention would unanimously elect Wade H. Harris, the heroic Charlotte editor who has so courageously denounced and defied the Sampson Fox who has sued his newspaper. Refusing to retract anything printed, Editor Harris will fight it out in the courts. He was elected by a rising vote.

## The Gubernatorial Nomination.

Neither of the two candidates for governor appeared in the convention and no reference to the candidacy of either was made in any of the speeches delivered by others. But there were "doings" and "carrying-on" on the outside—in the hotel lobbies and on the streets by the admirers of each.

The most demonstrative and spectacular of these was the parade of some 40 automobiles just before the convention, filled with shouting admirers of the Attorney General and flying "Bickett" pennants from each car, which announced "The Record is the Reason." The parade was headed by a brass band and rounded up by a big "calliope" or telephone, and created much enthusiasm among the admirers of the Franklin county candidate, and was a striking disclosure of the deep interest his home folks have in him. The Bickett men in the convention were not backward in telling enquirers that the delegates were "overwhelmingly for Bickett."

Of them asserting that its complexion if polled would be found to be 2 or 3 to 1, and they as confidently asserted their belief in the Franklin man's "overwhelming majority" in the primary next month.

I have already printed in these letters what the Daughtridge people had to say about their hopes and expectations for their favorite, Convention Notes.

The speeches of Secretary Daniels Gov. Craig and Lieut. Gov. (to be) of the convention, as was the successful efforts of the anti-woman suffragists in staving off a contemplated plank for "wimmin's rights" in the platform.

"See here," said a Lincoln county delegate, "the people in Major W. A. Graham's home county don't think very much of that Robeson man's judgment of fit men for efficient service to the State. Although Major Graham is a little older in years and years as active as many men I know who haven't reached the half-century mark, he is as 'fit as a fiddle' and then some for the next four years and more. Why, that old Osler heresy has been knocked out years ago by the grand old men who

are doing much of the world's greatest work in civil and military life on both sides of the Atlantic. Those who know the present Commissioner of Agriculture know well that he is one of the liveliest wires connected with the present State administration and one of the most useful. Nobody up our way has a idea of cutting out the Major (and he is a real major, mind you, and no tin soldier) at the end of a second term. We need him in our business for another four years at least. Our county endorsed him with great enthusiasm at the Democratic convention last week and we are betting on his getting a big majority in the primary."

It was found that Major Graham's popularity was widespread and "catching." While one delegate was sounding the praises of the Old Comrade there were always many bystanders to heartily endorse what was being said.

"I talked and 'mixed' with a big number of the delegates and it is but fair to say that of all the candidates for re-election who have an opponent entered for the primary, I found less opposition to the present Commissioner of Labor and Printing than to any one else. It is the simple truth to say that practically everybody was for Shipman (who has not yet finished his second term) and that they said they were for him because of his efficiency and fitness for the place and his value to the State and people as such, even more than because of his universal personal popularity. A number of western counties recently passed resolutions in the Democratic county conventions endorsing him for re-election.

Col. J. Bryan Grimes and Mr. Harnesse, candidate for Secretary of State, were here and many of the delegates sought them out. The friends of Col. Grimes appeared to be confident of his re-nomination and think the rotation argument is cutting much ice against him, under all the circumstances. The Harnesse delegates declared their candidate would poll a big vote and of course they expect him to win, but admit that it is a close job to depend upon.

Joyner, Wood and Max Gardner having no opponents and Dick Young being pestered only at a late hour by a late entry, neither of them is losing any sleep. So, let us draw the curtain on this verbal picture of some of the interesting features of the best Democratic State convention, in several essentials, ever held in North Carolina and address ourselves to the public-spirited labor of swatting the political enemy when the polls open in November.

## Fayetteville District Conference Held At Siler City.

The Fayetteville District Conference, M. E. Church, South, was held last week in Siler City, N. C. Rev. J. T. Gibbs, D. D., the presiding officer of the district, in the chair, Rev. J. A. Hornaday, T. V. Smith, Z. V. Snipes and E. T. Markham were in attendance representing Dunn Station. T. V. Smith was elected Secretary of the Conference, and Z. V. Snipes Assistant Secretary. Eighteen of the twenty pastors in the district were present, and about two thirds of the more than one hundred lay delegates were also present.

Several representatives of the various institutions and interests of the church in the different districts of the entire State were present to present their claims which they did faithfully and enthusiastically. The preaching during the Conference was of an unusually high order, and must have made lasting impressions upon the large congregations that attended upon the 11 o'clock services in the morning and the 8 o'clock services in the evening of each day.

The business sessions of the conference were held from 9 to 11 o'clock each morning, and from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Dr. J. T. Gibbs has been a presiding elder for more than a quarter of a century, and is one of the very best in all the great church to which he belongs. T. V. Smith of Dunn was not only elected a delegate to the Annual Conference to be held in Durham late in the fall, but he led the delegation of four laymen from the entire district. This is quite an honor for Mr. Smith and for the church at Dunn.

## 5,471 Persons Killed on Railroad Tracks Last Year.

In the American Magazine Frederick Upham Adams says:

"In the United States last year 5,471 persons were killed while walking on railroad tracks! After a century of experience, after an expenditure of millions of dollars in educating and warning the public against this deadly peril, fifteen not death each day, or one for every sixty-six minutes."

## DEMOCRATS ARE SURE OF VICTORY

Found Situation at State Convention All That Could Be Desired. Godwin on Opposition.

Democrats returning from the State Convention at Raleigh predict a united and formidable party in November.

Representatives Small, Doughton and Godwin are well pleased with the situation. Mr. Godwin arrived last night, and Messrs. Small and Doughton this morning. Senator Simmons came tonight.

Mr. Godwin attended the Harnett County Convention before going to Raleigh. He talked with many voters in his and other districts.

"I interviewed many people about the present delicate diplomatic situation," said Mr. Godwin, "and I am satisfied our citizens are very much opposed to war, but they are with the President in demanding respect for American rights. They have absolute confidence in Mr. Wilson's ability to handle successfully the question with Germany and expressed a belief that some way will be found to avoid conflict with that or any other foreign power."

Messrs. Godwin and Kitchin are the only Democratic members of the House from the State who have contests for the nomination. Mr. Godwin is very confident that he will be chosen.

"My opponents are very active," said he today, "they are waging an industrious campaign, but are not making any inroads in the ranks of my supporters."

"I will win in the primary June 2nd by a very large majority as I have done in previous campaigns. There is a respectable minority in the district, as there is in all other districts, but the activity of my opponents is not going beyond the point of lining up this minority for the several candidates against me. This majority would be against me if there were only one candidate in opposition, but, as there are four the minority will be split up and each one of my opponents will receive a scattering of votes. My own position is not going beyond lining up the minority."

"It now appears that the field is against me, most of the candidates are traveling together, and are perfectly friendly with each other. They tour the district by counties and travel in the same automobile, stop at the same hotels, and occupy the same room. This shows conclusively that they have entered into an agreement to make a common fight against me."

"I am very much engaged here with important matters in which the district is vitally interested and most of the people commend me for remaining at my post during this critical period while our country is being threatened. However, I hope to be able to find time in May to make a brief tour of the district to talk with the people and explain some of the efforts I have put forth here."—H. E. C. Bryant, in News and Observer.

## SOUTHERN PURCHASES ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

Washington, D. C., April 27.—Southern Railway has just purchased 45 locomotives, 60 all-steel passenger train cars, 1500 all-steel coal cars, 1607 steel center sill box cars, and 100 steel center sill caboose cars as follows:

From the Baldwin Locomotive Works, 30 Santa Fe type freight locomotives and 15 Mountain type passenger locomotives.

From the Pullman Company, 25 coaches, 10 passenger and baggage cars, 10 mail and baggage cars, 10 baggage and express cars, and 5 club cars.

From the Pressed Steel Car Co., 1000 50-ton flat bottom gondola coal cars.

From the Mt. Vernon Car Mfg. Co., 50 coal cars of the same type.

From the Lenoir Car Works, 1607 20-ton plain box cars and 500 30-ton plain automobile box cars, and 10