

**Salaries vs. Fees.**

Stateville Landmark.

The Landmark has expressed itself as in favor of placing all officers—county, State, etc.—on a salary basis instead of paying them in fees, as many of them are now paid. When the bill to place solicitors on a salary was under discussion in the Legislature recently it was noticed that all solicitors whose fees aggregated more than \$2,500, the maximum amount named, opposed the bill. This was natural. They want all they can get out of the office. It is the same way with county officers and all others who are paid under the fee system. They get more money than the public generally is aware of and they want to hold on to the fee system. The fee system offers unlimited opportunities for graft in case of a corrupt official. A solicitor, for instance, can make a half dozen cases out of one, purely to get fees, if he is looking after the money side of the proposition, and a county officer who is paid in fees can work the same game in different ways if he is amind. The general public has no knowledge of the fees allowed and they have to pay whatever the officer says. Often these officials become a power in politics and they use their influence with members of the Legislature to have special acts passed increasing their fees.

There can be no reasonable ob-

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jection to the salary system. An official who wants what is coming to him and no more will prefer working for a salary, so that no charge of padding the fee list, or of doing things purely to get fees, can be made against him. It has been suggested that if solicitors are put on a salary basis they will not do their duty in enforcing the law, the idea being that they must have the incentive of a fee to move them to do the work they are elected to do. This can only mean that solicitors are so dishonorable that they will not do their work unless they get extra fees for doing it. We can't believe that any of the men holding the office in this State hold such views of their duty. If they do, the sooner we get rid of them the better. If the fee system is necessary to get officials to work, then it would be well to pay Superior Court judges in fees, allowing them a certain amount for every case disposed of. That would induce them to do more work, probably.

The fee system will have to go. The beneficiaries of it will protest, because they don't want to turn loose a good thing. But the movement is under way and by and by all public officers will be put on a salary and the fees collected will be put in the treasury. When this is done the public will be benefited and if officers on a salary can't do the work they can be turned out and others put in their places.

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**OLD FORK GLEANINGS.**

**Unrest Among Laborers—Four Africans Craved for Native Home—Personals.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

I hear of but little news in the Fork these days. Agricultural progress has been retarded by the late rains, but I see on a neighboring farm this morning that plowing has been resumed. There seems to be among some of the laboring class a spirit of unrest, and instability, which is very detrimental to the farmer's interest.

Last week one of our nearest neighbors lost one of his croppers, without warning or provocation, after contracting to run a farm, and doing considerable work thereon. His whereabouts have not been discovered, but he has probably skipped across the State line. Such conduct as this leaves the landlord, at this season of the year, in a bad strait, and I hear of many similar instances. It is in this way that the negroes destroy the confidence of the white people, and the innocent ones are caused to suffer for the guilty, because it is getting difficult to know who to rely upon, although there are some worthy and industrious among them, who are living honest lives and are respectable citizens.

A long time ago, there was in this neighborhood four native African negroes, three men and one woman, all of whom continually craved to return to their native land.

Although owned by good Christian people, and in constant contact with good influences, they were never fully civilized, but

always cherished the belief that they would go back to Africa when they died; and in the course of a few years one of the men could no longer restrain his anxiety to depart, so one day as he was working in a remote field all alone, he went into the edge of the woods, made a noose of his suspenders, fastened them in a tree and hanged himself. Another of these men, "Lavnier" by name, was tattooed on face and hands, and claimed to have been the son of an African King—but he and his wife lived out their natural length of days and many of their descendants are yet living in this vicinity.

Mr. J. B. McCallum and little son, of Maxton, passed down through the Fork this morning en route to his farm.

Mr. O. T. Reynolds went down to Rowland on Saturday and returned yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Robt. Stewart, of John Station, was visiting home folks yesterday.

Miss Julia McQueen, who had been our guest for two weeks, returned home on Saturday.

Mr. J. B. Brown, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is improving.

Severe colds, some grippe and whopping cough are at present prevailing to some extent in this neighborhood.

"Aunt Becky," Maxton, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, March 4th.

**Lost and Found.**

Lost, between 9.30 p. m., yesterday and noon to-day, a bilious attack, with nausea and sick headache. This loss was occasioned by finding at all drug stores a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills, the guaranteed cure for biliousness, malaria and jaundice. 25 cents.

**ELROD NEWS LETTER.**

**Death of Mr. Bracy—Sickness in Community—Personal Items.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. Abe Bracey died at his home near here Tuesday night, Feb. 26th. He had been in declining health for several months and there was little hope for his recovery; still his sudden death was a shock to his family and friends. He was a faithful, consistent member of the Presbyterian church. We have reason to believe that he died in full assurance of eternal salvation. He leaves a wife, four children, mother, several brothers and sisters.

To the bereaved ones the sympathy of the community is extended.

Mr. Elbert Bridgers, who has been quite sick, is improving a little.

Mr. D. A. McCall is just recovering from a spell of the grippe.

Miss Julia McCall is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Gay, of Rockingham, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Poole.

Miss Irene Poole spent Sunday with her parents here.

Mrs. J. A. McRae and son visited relatives near Maxton last week.

Miss Annie Culbreth spent Sunday in Fayetteville with her sister, Mrs. N. C. Stubbs.

Elrod, N. C., March 4th, '07.

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**All Vanity and Vexation of Spirit Says Blackburn.**

Washington Correspondent of Charlotte Observer.

Like a lot of other people, the members of the North Carolina delegation appeared to take peculiar delight in kicking the ship subsidy bill out of shape. Even Blackburn showed up in the House and voted against the bill. This, it is said, is the first vote cast by the Republican member during the present session. Mr. Blackburn does not think much of the congressional game any more. He told Mr. Godwin, the member-elect from the sixth, that it was all vanity and vexation of spirit, and added the discouraging prophecy that he would go home at the end of his term much lighter in purse than when he came.

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Lumberton, N. C., January' 14th, 1907.

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Dear Sirs:---

I wish to thank you for the Check for One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) just handed me in settlement of Policy No. 303, on the life of Ervin L. Biggs, who died January 4th, 1907.

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(Signed) E. J. BIGGS, Administrator.

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