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Some time petty public officials find that it pays to become martyrs. They sacrifice nothing, not even honor, for they clearly show that they have none to sacrifice.

A public official who will deliberately place burdens on a protesting public would naturally hold his hand behind him when giving out big contracts with joyous anticipation of a suitable reward from successful bidders.

Some of the Democratic nominees for county commissioners were in town Monday whether they sanctioned the court house contract or gave the bidders any assurance of standing by the deals made we do not know. The only hope of preserving our rights in this matter is to elect a board this fall who are flat footed against it and will agree to leave no stone unturned to repudiate the deal during their term of office.

It may be some future board of county commissioners will be able to find some excuse for refusing to pay the notes given to secure the means wherewith to erect the new court house, or it may be the incoming board can find cause for repudiating the contract given out Saturday by the three defeated commissioners for the erection of said building, at least they can be called on to do so, or rather the people can unite on a set of commissioners who will leave no stone unturned to defeat the project, and it possible make the three defeated gentlemen personally responsible for the contracts they have made against the people's wishes.

The city aldermen have recently passed and are now enforcing a much needed and worthy ordinance in regard to weights and measures, but when it directs an inspector to enter private homes at will without the consent of the owners, they have gone too far and our people ought not to submit to such conduct.

This is the kind of laws that breed revolution. The home is private and there is entirely too much tendency on the part of the State to make its citizens wards, enter their homes and manipulate their entire household and private affairs. This, however, will continue unless our people find some way to manage their government. It seems to us that an occasional gathering of all the people to discuss public affairs would result in much good. The adoption of the initiative, referendum and recall would help some.

CONTEMPTABLE DEMAGOGUERY.

The following is an item taken from the last minutes of the Board of County Commissioners:

Ordered that, inasmuch as the Board does not care to place the expense on the incoming Board, that action on the Farm Demonstration appropriation be postponed.

In view of the fact that this same board has just tied the hands of, not only the incoming board, but every board for the next thirty years with notes amounting to over \$115,000 for the needless expense of building a new court house, a piece of contemptible demagoguery is brought to light. Such conduct is most astounding among honorable people.

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of the
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Providence Township Sunday-School Convention
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Devotional Exercises—Rev. W. C. Buck.
Song.
Address of Welcome—Oscar H. Phillips.
Response—Rev. L. B. Spracher.
Song.
Reading of Minutes. Placing of Query Box.
Topic 1: What methods should be used in bringing our older children in the Sunday School? Rev. R. R. Sowers, J. C. Peeler, B. L. Phillips and others.
Song.
The Kind of Class I Like—Prof. C. E. Phillips.
Song.
Collection.
NOON.
Reports from various Sunday Schools.
"Pledges"—Dr. C. M. Van Poole.
The Needs of Better Teachers in our Sunday Schools—Paul T. Goodman.
Song.
Topic 2:—What are the Duties of Church Officers in the Sunday School?—By Rev. W. C. Buck, Rev. J. C. Mock, Rev. L. B. Spracher, A. J. Thomas, H. C. Agner, Rev. P. M. Trexler, Rev. R. L. Brown.
Song.
Opening of Query Box.
Election of Officers—Miscellaneous
Installation of Officers.
Closing Exercises.
Notes—All Sunday School workers are urged to be present and take part in the exercises.

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