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EDWARD L. KEESLER.

It is good, even in death, that a man may be spoken of in the most sincere manner. Ordinarily, we say that a deceased citizen, has lived a useful life and will be missed in the community, and folks read it as a mere tribute to the dead.

Somehow, we would like to get away from this ordinary manner of writing in speaking of the sudden death of Edward L. Keesler. Of course everybody who ever looked upon the fine, open countenance of the genial man, who met death last Saturday night, will regret his passing. Others will say, in the natural course of remarks, that a good man is gone.

To all of this we agree most heartily. There is another point we would like to speak about in connection with the going of this man. The general public may not be particularly interested in these remarks, yet there is a tremendous

audience who would listen to these words—as the members of that audience, sit in the places each call home—who will be deeply, very deeply, interested in these lines.

Home is perhaps the sweetest word in the English language, next to that of God and mother. Home from where the couples—the lads and lassies, leave their parental roofs, to join hands and fortunes on life's great voyage.

Among the first and certainly the most cherished hope of such a couple, was a home of their own.

That is where Edward L. Keesler entered into their lives. He had a message for them every day in the daily newspapers telling them how to obtain that home they wanted so much.

No doubt, relatives and friends will erect a magnificent tombstone at the head of the grave where Edward L. Keesler's bones lie mouldering in the dust, yet the beautiful and effective monument erected to his memory will be around the hundreds of firesides, where home is home indeed, the fathers, mothers and little children—homes they were enabled to possess through the life work and constant messages of Edward L. Keesler.

His advice was to invest in the building and loan association and thereby own a home.

As one who listened to that advice and with four beautiful little girls gathered about him, where the comrade and this writer sit, in a home bought according to the plans of Edward L. Keesler we join in a humble prayer to God to have Edward L. Keesler's Home Up Yonder, furnished with and surrounded by every beautiful thing that he so constantly urged upon those here on earth.

MR. PERSON'S STAND.

R. M. Person takes a bold stand in defying the bootleggers and their followers, patrons, supporters and kinfolks, in his race for sheriff of Mecklenburg county.

In an advertisement in this issue of The Herald, Mr. Person, who has been a member of the legislature, now asking for election as sheriff, states frankly that he defies the bootleggers and all their kith and kin, in his contest.

This action may not be good policy, but it is certainly an act calling for the admiration of the citizenship.

Rufe, as he is known, may consider bootlegging the greatest crime being committed in Mecklenburg county. Some there are who would raise a point of difference and say that working women sixty hours a week is worse than bootlegging. We're not going to argue the question in this short epistle, more than to say that Mr. Person has struck a popular chord in fighting bootleggers and no doubt will receive the solid support of those who work women sixty hours a week.

FROM PENS OF OTHERS

SHIPMAN STANDS ON HIS RECORD.

(Winston-Salem Journal.)

In view of the service the Department of Labor and Printing has rendered the people of North Carolina under the direction of Commissioner M. L. Shipman, he is perfectly justified in announcing his candidacy for renomination and election, and in basing his candidacy entirely on his record as a public servant.

It is true, as Mr. Shipman says in his announcement, that auditing experts were employed to check the records of the State departments and introduce improved methods. And it is true that these auditing experts, when they had finished their task, announced that they had failed to find any errors in the Department of Labor and Printing, and could suggest no improvement in the system in vogue in that department. Moreover, these same experts stated that the Department of Labor and Printing was easily one of the most efficient and most economically administered of all the State departments.

In view of this record, Mr. Shipman can well afford to assure the Democratic voters of North Carolina that he is not making any personal or political claims whatsoever in support of his candidacy for renomination in the June primary, and that his candidacy is based absolutely on my record as a public servant.

And unless there is a political revolution in this State, a complete upheaval at the ballot box in June, he may well "await the decision of the Democratic voters of the State on June 7 with hope and confidence."

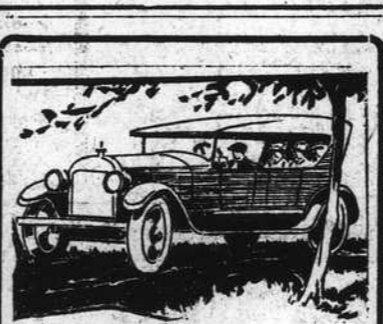
Somehow the word 'loyalty' has an appeal to the true man, that has no substitute in the English language. We've had many loyal friends and have loved every one of them, yet we believe if a convention of our friends could be held, they would all join us in the unanimous decision that W. W. Alexander, the old gray bearded patriarch of Rock Hill, S. C., is the most loyal friend The Herald has ever had. Brother Alexander was at the Central Labor Union Tuesday night, ready as he said, to fight for Jim Barrett, right or wrong. He says Jim has been right so many times, that even if he should be wrong once is no reason why a friend should desert him. And that is what we call real friendship.

Charles Gibson, a Prominent Farmer, Defends McLean's Record as Member of War Finance Board

To the Editor of The Herald:

Now I have heard so many off-hand statements made about Hon. A. W. McLean, who is running for governor, and these accusations made by good honorable farmers, many of whom I am well acquainted with, knowing that if they were better informed they would not harbor or indulge for one moment in such cheap attacks on any one much less a man that has done as much as Mr. McLean has for the farmers of North Carolina, in the trying time of deflation by the Federal Reserve Banking Board. I have been more than surprised to hear good farmers carried off their feet by cheap political clap trap talk accusing Mr. McLean of voting for deflation and favoring with W. P. G. Harding and Mr. Houston and the members of the Federal Reserve Banking Board. The truth is that Mr. McLean was never a member of the Federal Reserve Banking Board, or any other Southern man other than W. P. G. Harding, and a Mr. Houston that somebody said was born in North Carolina near a place called Goose Creek, and as all of we farmers can testify from our sad experience of 1920 and other years since what a devil of a goose he was. As for Mr. Harding we would have been better off if he had been picked from Trotsky's cabinet. Those are the men with their cohorts that put the farmer and five million of other men on the bum in this nation, and not Hon. A. W. McLean. I remember of reading in Capper's Weekly, a paper published in Topeka, Kan., by Senator Capper, and he is a republican at that, and among other things, he said that whatever had been saved to the farmers it was owed to Hon. A. W. McLean, of North Carolina, and Eugene Myers, of the War Finance Board, but you must remember that his board could not function without the assistance of the Secretary of the United States Treasury, cashing checks and drafts from the War Finance Board which they refused to do. If Mr. McLean could not get the drafts cashed to replace the money that he loaned Mr. Wanamaker to pay our farmers when he presented them to the Federal Reserve Banking Board, and they refused to honor them on account of a ruling of the secretary of the treasury. How could he or his board function? Someone said yes, Mr. McLean voted to stop war financing, and that there was three hundred and eighty millions of dollars in the hands of his board at the time, and he could have loaned that out to help finance the cotton, but refused. Now that Mr. McLean acting wiser, and showed more strength of character, and economic foresight than any man I know of in all of our agricultural and financial history, and makes him the largest in the south or west, for his financial foresight. Now let's see what would happen if he had favored loaning the millions out. There is no doubt but that the big foreign money, interests along with Mr. W. P. G. Harding, and Mr. Houston, believed and hoped that he would.

If all this money had been loaned out of the board's hands and none coming in, of course, the war finance would have ceased to exist, or as we might say, it would have gone into the hands of a receiver, namely, the treasury of the United States just as had been hoped for by the power that put deflation on and it would never have been reestablished any more.



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What did Mr. McLean do? He went to Washington time after time to get money to finance our farmers, and all we farmers know how hard it was to get money after we had sold and had our little bond in some instances, confiscated at 85 cents on the dollar. Those dear little fellows, that we eat cornbread and black molasses to enable us to buy at one hundred cents on the dollar. Now after all was gone and we had nothing more to give and every farmer in North Carolina knows that this is true, we could not get a dollar out of a bank, they just did not have it. If we would give our names and about the amount the government would place with them to loan us. Now what money was this but that three hundred or more millions that was in the war Finance Board hand this very money that was saved for we farmers till the hour of the greatest need that business or agriculture ever saw. Everywhere men were leaving the farms, merchants and bankers committing suicide, robbery and murders in all walks of life and traitors of society, and every man becoming suspicious of his neighbor or friend, little children naked and mothers barefooted and emancipated for the want of proper food. Men by the thousands ready to strike or destroy the lives or property of others. Never in the history of any country were the people in such desperate state of mind. I have lain down at night, shuddered and trembled with fear, that the people in their desperation would start something. I know if they did that the conditions in Russia and Mexico were only zephyrs compared to what we might expect here. Now Mr. McLean was laboring day and night at Washington to get money to the bank so that they could make loans to the farmers. He got nine millions of dollars out of this very fund, and you fellow farmers got your money. You paid your merchant and other bills and cheered up. Where was Mr. J. W. Bailey during all this period of misery and distress? Did, or have we heard of him having anything to say for the good of the farmers or bricklayers or any other one that labored? Suffered just as much as we farmers. But of course, this all happened before Mr. Bailey discov-

a single ham than the old farmers erred that he was paying more for was paying on the whole hog. It is well for Mr. Bailey that the whole hog was not ham if it was. The farmers would get enough money out of a hog to pay their taxes and then have some money left. Mr. Bailey knows it is not the amount of taxes that the farmers are paying but the fact is they are not getting enough for ham. If they were, his appeal and statements about high taxes would fall on deaf ears. I don't believe that there is anything that can be done to help our farmers or laborers that Hon. A. W. McLean will not do. I know that he knows the needs of the agricultural class better than Mr. Bailey, or almost any other man in North Carolina. I have never met Mr. McLean at any time or place, but I have kept close on every move he has made since he first went to Washington, and I know that he has been unjustly abused. He has been the friend of farmers everywhere. Of all the sad things that farmers are guilty of, it has been their ingratitude to those that fought their battle for them. They never stand up for the man that works through rough and tough for them, never caring or remembering that a friend or servant in time of need will be a double trusted friend at all times. We are always grumbling because we get so little from our lawmakers. We are such ingrates that I often wonder that we get anything.

I will cite one case of farmers ingratitude. There are hundreds and perhaps thousands local and national. William Allen spent the better part of his life in congress back in 1825 up to 1844 or there about getting the homestead law through congress. This law made it possible for farmers to homestead their homes from the government. All over the state of Ohio and all the rest of the nations in that day there was big land company's that got possession of the land just as we have at this day and time. Big interests then got hold of all the money. Land Bill Allen (that was what he was called) got his bill through but he came out of congress broke in fortune and health. All the years had been spent for and in the interest of farmers, and where do you suppose he died? In a poor house in Ohio in sight of homes and farmers that his labor had provided for. A few farmers of North Carolina, it appears as if they would turn McLean out in the swamps of North Carolina to die in sight of thousands that his heroic work saved. Those and many others are the reasons that I am for Mr. McLean. My highest ambition is to save those that save me.

A farmer, CHAS. GIBSON, R.F.D. 5, Box 81, Charlotte, N. C. (Political Advertising.)

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Defiance to Bootleggers and Other Professional Violators of the Law.

TO THE PUBLIC:

Two reasons impel me to make a public statement regarding my candidacy for sheriff of Mecklenburg County. These are:

- FIRST:—The questions from a large number of voters as to where I stand on law enforcement and what I propose to do about it if I am elected, and, SECOND:—Reports that have come to me from many sources that the bootleggers and other organized violators of the law are actively combining and centering their efforts against me.

The answer to the questions as to where I stand on law enforcement is: I stand four-square against violations of any and all laws and I recognize the crying need for vigorous and aggressive action against bootlegging, road-side immorality and other forms of lawlessness which are undermining not only the character of a large number of our people but are breaking down that regard for law and order which is the very foundation of our American civilization.

If elected I propose to personally lead and direct such officers as shall be charged with the maintenance of law and order in the county. And I assure you that no officer shall be accepted for this important work whose character is not above reproach and whose capacity and courage can not be questioned. I shall hold every man under me to the strictest account for his conduct and the performance of his duty.

I would not offer myself for the high office of sheriff were I not ready to pledge myself to the most rigid enforcement of the law and to the faithful performance of the usual routine duties of the office. I am running upon my record as a citizen and as a member of the last three sessions of the Legislature from this country. My life is an open book and no one who knows me even casually can be in doubt as to where I stand on any moral or legal issue.

The above paragraphs may be noted by the bootleggers and other professional violators of the law. I defy them and invite them to do their worst.

R. M. PERSON

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