

Some time ago The Journal laid down as a safe test by which all public men should be tried, the one question of whether their ideas and sympathies of government were based upon the belief that special interests and special persons should receive first consideration, or whether all questions should be decided from the standpoint of the general welfare of all. This idea has lately been put so clearly by Mr. Bryan that we here, with copy his remarks:

"The most important requisite in a President, as in other officials, is that his sympathies shall be with the whole people, rather than with any fraction of the population. He is constantly called upon to act in the capacity of a judge between the importunities of those who seek favors and the rights and interests of the public. Unless his sympathies are right the few are sure to have an advantage over the many, for the masses have no one to present their claims. They act only at elections; and must trust to their representatives to protect them from all their foes. Second, the President must have a knowledge of public questions and the ability to discern between the true and the false; he must be able to analyze the conditions, to detect the sophistries that are always employed by those who seek unfair advantages. He must possess the moral courage to stand against the influences that are brought to bear in favor of special interests. In fact, the quality of moral courage is as essential in a public official as either right sympathies or a trained mind."

Now the men who fear Bryan are those who fear to have the common principles of justice applied. They are the men who seek to use the government as a means of securing advantages to which none are entitled. That class of men have never had any use for Mr. Bryan's class and never will.

Farmers Union Meetings.

Please allow me space in your paper for the following announcement: Hon. A. C. Shuford of Newton, N. C., will address the farmers of the county and discuss the principles and purposes of the Farmers' Union on the following dates:

Gilboa, Marshville township, July 21st; court house, Monroe, 22nd; Unionville, Goose Creek township, 23rd; Indian Trail, Vance township, 24th; Union church, Sandy Ridge township, 25th; Tizah Chapel, Jackson township, 25th; Alban, Buford township, 29th; Union school house, James Creek township, 30th; Olive Branch, New Salem township, August 1st. The local unions in each township can make such preliminary arrangements as they may see fit. These meetings will be public and all are invited.

T. J. W. BISSON, Pres.

Money Saved by the Recorder's Court.

Close observers have known for some time that the recorder's court has had the effect of lessening crime, especially that of a petty nature. The knowledge that justice was sure and swift has had a good tendency, which is one of the best things that a court can do—lessening crime by prevention as well as punishing after crime has been committed. The court is unquestionably one of the best institutions the county has, and it is a progressive step in keeping with the general progress of the times.

But not only has the moral effect of the court been good, but it has resulted in a lessening of court expenses for the county. The court went into effect in April, 1907. Take for comparison the first year's record of the court with the court just preceding it. The total criminal superior court expenses, including boarding prisoners in jail, for the year ending April first, 1907, was \$3,300.58. The total superior criminal court expenses for the year following the establishment of the recorder's court, from April first, 1907, to April first, 1908, was, including jail fees, only \$2,159.09, or a saving of \$1,141.49. Even if the salary of the recorder and the clerk, \$720, is taken out there is still a clear saving of \$381.49. But the town pays half of this salary, which runs the net gain to the county in the matter of saving alone to \$190.74.

But better still, during the first year of its existence the recorder's court alone turned into the school fund of the county from fines \$1,188.72, or \$361.22 more than the superior court, the town of Monroe and all the magistrates of Monroe township combined had turned in for the preceding year. Beside this increase to the school fund, it has turned into the general county funds from costs \$223.32, and from the same source there has gone into the town treasury \$170.52. Thus there is a net saving to the public of about \$1500 per year.

These are facts for the thoughtful people of the county to consider. They are taken from the records which anyone can see for himself. They show that the recorder's court is less expensive to the county than the old system and at the same time puts more money into the treasury. This is true in spite of the fact that it is common knowledge that we now have better order than ever before. That is the difference in the running of courts for the benefit of the public, in a business like, open and above board way, and the old way of running some of them, at least, as a private enterprise.

Words of Commendation from Buford.

We see Hiram Bacon is out for commissioner. We have known him for years and he is one of the best and one of the safest men in the county. He has the sense and the honesty and the firmness to make a most valuable commissioner. With him and W. G. Long and T. J. Gordon in charge of the county's affairs the taxpayers need have no fears. He has made a success of his chosen work of farming and for that very reason he would make a better commissioner. BUFORD CITIZENS.

Notice, Republicans.

The Republican convention for Union county is hereby called to meet in the city of Monroe, at 1:30 p. m., Saturday, August 8th, 1908. The purpose of said convention is to elect delegates to the State, Congressional and Senatorial conventions; also to nominate candidates for the various county offices.

We suggest and request that each township hold its township convention on Saturday, August 1st, at 2 p. m., at the various voting places and elect delegates to the county convention.

By order of the Executive Committee.

T. L. LOVE, Chm. Rep. Ex. Com.  
STON H. BOWERS, Sec. Rep. Ex. Com.

Items From Vance.

Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, widow of the late V. A. Martin, died at the home of her son, Mr. S. B. Martin, Sunday July 12th at the age of 92 years. Although she had been in feeble health for quite awhile the summons came quite unexpectedly to her family as she was well as usual up to a few moments before she died. Mrs. Martin leaves one son and two daughters, Mr. S. B. Martin, Miss Bethie Martin and Mrs. Lou Hargett. She was a member of Rocky River Presbyterian church.

Mr. John Abernathy preached at Bethel church Sunday afternoon and evening in place of Rev. O. I. Hinson who was called to Antioch to lecture at children's day exercises. Mr. Abernathy taught one term of school at Red Banks and is always welcomed highly in the community.

The protracted meeting will begin at Bethel church the first Sunday in August at eleven o'clock. Mrs. W. C. Rife of Charlotte and Mrs. Frances Little of Union, S. C. visited at Mr. J. P. Ritchie's, R. M. Conder's and W. H. Yandell's last week.

There is one preparation known to-day that will promptly help the stomach. This is Kodol. Kodol digests all classes of food and it does it thoroughly, so that the use of Kodol for a time will without doubt help anyone who has stomach disorders or stomach trouble. Take Kodol today and continue it for the short time that is necessary to give you complete relief. Kodol is sold by English Drug Co.

Old Bachelor's Veer.—"Why is it," asked the dear girl, "that the bridegroom's attendant is called the best man?" "I suppose it is because he is the best of," growled the old bachelor. — Chicago News.

Use DeWitt's Little Early Riser, pleasant little pills that are easy to take. Sold by English Drug Co.

ORINO Laxative Fruit Syrup Pleasant to take The new laxative. Does not gripe or nauseate. Cures stomach and liver troubles and chronic constipation by restoring the natural action of the stomach, liver and bowels. Refuse substitutes. Price 50c. ENGLISH DRUG COMPANY.

Card from Mr. McNeely.

Knowing the demand of the public to learn the individual views of each candidate for Representative, and being desirous to be fair and honest with the people, so that, in the event of my nomination and election, I might be able to satisfy my constituency and hear no accusation of having won my election by deception, I take this method of informing the people how I stand on the issues in the county campaign.

Having been raised on the farm and knowing the demands of the farmers, and believing that, since they are the producers and the ones upon whom all others depend, their interests should always be vigilantly protected, I favor any and all just measures calculated to do them good.

For the sake of equal rights to all and special privileges to none, no free man should be compelled to labor on the public roads without remuneration.

That the voice of the voter might always prevail, all holders of office should be elected by the people.

As a guarantee against political bossism, the party nominations should all be made in the party primary.

Few men will sell their vote, but a great many are offering their influence for sale, trying to sell public offices to the highest bidder, and to cure the ills of the candidate by "political healing"; so, for the safety of the rights of poor men and all others who wish for pure politics and a fair election, we should have a primary election law so rigid that neither undue advantages could be taken nor corrupt influences used to affect a nomination.

Although the Recorder's Court is a convenient institution, giving every one the advantage of a speedy trial, saving witnesses the inconvenience of attending long and continued terms of court, saving the county the expense of jail fees and hundreds of dollars of costs, and at the same time suppressing crime and making it possible to reduce the number of terms of courts, it is evidently in need of some amendments, such as: retaining to all magistrates their constitutional jurisdiction, giving to every citizen the right of eligibility to the office, requiring the clerk incumbent to give bond the right of removal from the Recorder to his assistant, and VISA VERSA, and other useful changes.

It is fair to the public to allow no important measure, affecting the whole people, to become a law until submitted to the people and ratified by their vote. So, although the Re-

Recorder's Court is evidently a benefit to the tax payer and the public generally, I would, if petitioned to do so, favor submitting the question of the Recorder's Court act to be ratified or rejected by the people.

If nominated and elected I shall try to represent all the people in Union county, to regard every petition sent me, to do what the people want done, and to do nothing for one class likely to prove detrimental to the interests of another.

With a heart full of gratitude to the one thousand and sixty-seven voters who stood by me two years ago, and trusting that they and their friends will rally to my support again this year, I submit these views with my candidacy for your consideration.

NEY McNEELY.

If Union county isn't this year a land of milk and honey it would be hard to find one.

Too True.—The man's that's going to the devil always finds congenial company on the road.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Many a girl who knows how to look out for herself is willing to let the right kind of man look out for her.

Before and After.—"I heard him behind the door pleading for just one. They must be engaged." "No! they are married. It was a dollar he was pleading for."—Louisville Courier Journal.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts gently upon the bowels and there by drives the cold out of the system and at the same time it allays inflammation and stops irritation. Children like it. Sold by English Drug Co.

Land in 3 Miles of Monroe for Sale.

By virtue of the provisions of a deed of trust executed to me by M. P. Presley and wife, Nisi Presley, on the 29th day of June, 1906, and registered in the office of register of deeds for Union county, Book AL, page 138, reference to which is hereby made for a more detailed description, I will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the court house door in Monroe, N. C., on Saturday, August 15th, 1908, all that tract of land lying about three miles northwest of the city of Monroe, adjoining Frank Presley, E. L. Long and others, and known as the "Jacks Presley land," and contains 51 1/2 acres more or less, and fully described in a mortgage deed on file in the office of register of deeds for Union county, Book AF, page 285, to which reference is made for metes and bounds. The said land being sold to satisfy the provisions of said deed of trust. This July 11th, 1908. JOHN C. SIKES, Trustee. R. W. Sikes & Sikes, Attys.

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The most successful farmers of the South have been using this and recommend it above all other top dressers.

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The Cash Mercantile Company's CLEAN SWEEP SALE! The Great Mid-Summer Clean Sweep Sale starts Wednesday, July 15th. This Is Everybody's Store! Remember the Dates---July 15th to July 25th. We cannot send goods out on approval during this sale. However, we will cheerfully refund your money for any unsatisfactory purchase. A Bargain Feast for All at THE CASH MERCANTILE COMPANY, The House That Saves You Money!