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THINK IT OVER

(Leland)

When in God thou believest, near God thou wilt certainly be!

COUNTY EXPENSES, EXPEN-DITURES, AND LOCATION OF OFFICES

Several years ago a handsome courthouse was built at Halifax for the purpose of housing the county officials yet one may go there during any week day, when court is not in session and find it absolutely deserted. When this courthouse was planned offices were provided for every county official, which is supposed to be a central location, yet upon investigation it will be found that practically every county officials except the Register of Deeds and the Clerk of Court have offices in Weldon or Roanoke Rapids, and we understand that the county pays for the rental of these offices. Why should these offices not be maintained in Halifax, as intended, and save this additional expense, and save the squandering of this money which belongs to the people of the county, 'and which should be expended with the utmost economy? It costs the county about sixty thousand dollars in salaries to run this county, and every dollar of it is spent in and around the upper end of the county, and the balance of the county does not derive one cent of profit from this

When the present state administration went in it promised the people that it would not call on the counties to furnish one dollar for state taxation. Last year this country contributed, understand, about fifty thousand toward state expenses. so this year that amount should have been saved to the tax payers of the county. Is this true? It cannot possibly be, as taxes have been increased, instead of being decreased. Either thing or the other is true; the state is still being paid something out of the county taxes, or else this money is being used for county purposes. In either case, the voters of the county should be enlightened as to the situation. They pay the taxes and have a right to know what is being done with the money collected. Turn on the light, make a statement, and let the people of the. county know something about their own business.

Some months ago money was borrowed by the county for the construction of the bridge over Roanoke River, yet this work has not yet begun. This money is laying somewhere in the banks of the county. Is the county getting interest on this money? If not, why not? Is the county

being run in the interest of the people, or is it being run for the benefit and profit of a chosen few. We are asking for information and we would like to have it to pass on to the voters of this county. We do not feel that the affairs of the county are being run in an efficient manner, and we think the people of the county should have an opportunity to judge of this themselves. But how can they form a correct opinion, if some statement is not made? If an injustice is being done to those in authority, we say turn on the light and put an unenlightened Ask your neighbor! people straight.



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