

SALARY INSTEAD OF FEES.

Sentiment for a Change Growing in Rowan County.

The salary instead of fee compensating basis for county officials is being discussed no little in Salisbury and the county outside this year and it is not unlikely that the Rowan delegation at Raleigh will be pressed to make the change.

The agitation for a salary basis is not new. It began some five years ago and while Rowan's Senators and Representatives have never been antagonistic to it the hitch that has invariably arisen has been the question of salary. The office of sheriff, to illustrate, has seen its emoluments sadly diminished since the office of tax collector was created and pays nothing like common report credits. Yet, with the exception of the collection of taxes right at his own door, the responsibilities of the sheriff are just as great if not greater owing to the increased population of the county.

The office of register of deeds, of the utmost importance, is another illustration in point. While the routine work of the office is as laborious as ever the fees are far below the public estimate.

Those who are agitating the change insist that good salaries shall be attached—that it shall not be made to appear that the county officers are being let to the lowest bidder.—Salisbury Post.

WILL OF CHIEF JUSTICE FULLER.

Property In Trust for Children—Valued at Nearly a Million.

The will of Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller of the United States supreme court directs that the property be held in trust until the death of the last of his children, the net revenues being paid them or their heirs as the trustees shall see fit. These provisions were made known Friday when two petitions were filed in the probate court. He died possessed of property valued at \$950,000, while his wife, Mary E. Fuller, who died in 1904, left an estate valued at \$115,000. Hearing on the will was set for September 15. The value of the personal estate of the late chief justice was placed at \$150,000 and the real estate at \$800,000.

General War Against Fees.

The fee system is not confined to Virginia. It is an evil of which serious complaint has been made and still is made in all the States, we believe.

Just now the question is under discussion down at Salisbury, N. C., and we are told that it is not unlikely that the Rowan delegation in the Legislature will be pressed to change the method of paying the officers of that county from the fee plan to a straight salary basis. It is claimed that the Sheriff of the county and the register of deeds do not receive anything like the compensation they are supposed to receive from the fees which they are permitted to collect; but the fee plan is a bad plan. If the officers who work under it are underpaid, that is to be regretted for their sake; if they are overpaid, that is to be regretted for the sake of the public. It is always a safer and better plan for the people to insist that while their public servants shall be amply rewarded for their labors, the public should know what they are receiving. If it is not enough for them to live on in comfort, they should get more; if it is more than they are entitled to, the unearned increment should go to the public.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Use of Money in Elections.

The man who uses money in primaries or in elections is poisoning the spring at its source. Whenever men sell their votes, their influence or their time to those who are seeking public office they become a menace to good government. And when men get public office by purchase nobody need be surprised that they sell their votes to those who wish to make money through legislation or by securing immunity from punishment for violating the law.

There is a determined sentiment in North Carolina to prevent the use of money in primaries and elections. The Marion Progress says pledges are being sent all over McDowell county to citizens who are opposed to buying votes in elections. The pledge reads:

"We, the undersigned, hereby pledge ourselves upon our honor as men, never again to vote for any man, or any party for any office, EITHER FOR HIS NOMINATION OR ELECTION, whom we do not believe to be opposed both in sentiment and action, to the further buying of votes, either directly or indirectly, and who does not come out and boldly and publicly (until this practice is wiped out) declare himself opposed to it, and further declare that he will not, in the coming election, nor ever again, in any way, encourage, or consent to the use of money in elections for this purpose."

The press can and should lead in the necessity for preventing bribery. In some counties it has become disgraceful. Let men who buy and men who sell, feel the weight of public condemnation. Both should be disfranchised.—News and Observer.

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Teachers' Institute—Three Weeks.

To the teachers:
A County Institute for white teachers will be held at the following times and places:

August 15th to 20th, 1910, at Four Oaks.

August 22nd to 27th, 1910, at Micro.

August 29th to Sept. 3rd, 1910, at Smithfield.

This Institute continues three weeks of six days each. Each teacher must attend one week continuously. A County Institute for teachers will be held and continue one week. Section 4167 of the School Law says: "All public school teachers of any county in which such institute and school is conducted are hereby required to attend the same continuously during its session, unless providentially hindered, and failure to attend the biennial institute and school shall debar any teacher so failing to attend continuously from teaching in any of the public schools of the State for a period of one year, or until such teacher shall have attended according to law some county institute and school as herein provided for in some other county."

You are required to bring all of the text-books used in the public schools through the primary and intermediate grades, as the institute will partake largely of the character of a school. For the primary work bring, in addition to the readers, tablets and a pair of scissors.

Lectures.

Doctors J. H. Stanley, J. B. Person and A. H. Rose, respectively, will address the teachers on the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

There will also be an address at each place by some representative of the Anti-Hookworm Commission.

Professor I. T. Turlington will conduct this institute and will be ably assisted in the Primary Department by Miss Anne T. Wetmore. An examination of all teachers will be held at the close on the work gone over.

By special arrangement for the convenience of the teachers, the institute is held one week at each of the three places as nearly convenient to the different parts of the county as possible. By this arrangement most of the teachers can board at home. Those wishing to engage board at Four Oaks, write Mr. A. D. Ford; at Micro, Miss Pearl Aycock; at Smithfield, the County Superintendent of Schools.

There must be prompt attendance upon the Institute. Unless teachers have attended a term of Summer Normal school there is no power left by the laws to the County Superintendent to excuse from attendance except in Providential hindrance. Let all the teachers and those who expect to teach, attend promptly.

Colored Institute.

Professor John W. Byrd will conduct one week of Institute for the colored teachers at Smithfield, August 29th to Sept. 3rd, 1910. Upon this all colored teachers must attend promptly as required by law.

Respectfully,

J. P. CANADAY,
County Supt. of Schools,
Smithfield, N. C., July 22, 1910.

The Caldwell County Teachers' Institute is in session at Lenoir, North Carolina. Its main purpose is to "teach teachers how to teach." The attendance is good, and the interest in the work is encouraging, the number of teachers from the county present being larger than in any former year. Teaching is a hard business, and the reason that it is so poorly done oftentimes is that the teachers do not know how to teach. There has been marked improvement in recent years in the management and conduct of the public schools of the South, speaking generally, but there is still great room for improvement. The holding of such institutes as that at Lenoir should be encouraged throughout the country.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The Deadly Typhoid.

Every year in the United States 35,000 lives are lost from typhoid fever. In addition, 350,000 are sick from an average of six weeks from this wholly preventable disease.

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Dix—"He's taking a long rest now."

Hix—"Gave up in despair, eh?"

Dix—"No; he got the Government job."—Boston Record.

Men's thoughts are much according to their inclination.—Bacon.

SALE OF ACCOUNTS.

North Carolina, Johnston County.

By virtue of authority vested in me as Receiver of the Smithfield Supply Company, I will, on Saturday, the 13th day of August, 1910, sell at public auction at the court house in the town of Smithfield, commencing at two o'clock, p. m., the following accounts:

- W. T. Adams, \$63.37
 - Haywood Smith, 1.25
 - Merritt Lee, .66
 - Thurston Frazier, 1.30
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 - Arthur Ennis, 9.81
 - Hyman Foat, .90
 - J. E. Powell, 1.69
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 - Billy Coats, 2.67
 - Skinner Hicks, 4.40
 - Balt Williams, 2.47
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 - Jno. Thompson, 1.80
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 - Willis Cole, Col. 9.66
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 - W. L. Fuller, 97.68
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 - J. C. Beasley, 1.20
 - R. W. Gary, 64.42
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 - Charley Lee, 15.85
 - J. G. Jones, 2.81
 - Jno. A. Smith, 9.36
 - William Holt, Col. 3.24
 - Henry Bridgers, 6.24
 - Doyle Lee, 2.15
 - W. J. Barham, 5.82
 - E. B. Bryant, .90
 - F. S. Cullom, 3.38
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 - Lewis Barbour, .25
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 - Romeo Avera, 1.30
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 - G. W. Creech, 3.25
 - Clifford Parrish, 3.85
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 - J. W. Barbour, 1.35
 - Levi R. Moore, 3.15
 - W. D. Pearce, 2.05
 - Gaston Byrd, 3.65
 - Jno. Stevens, 3.37
 - Mary Ennis, .80
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 - Julius Williams, .33
 - Rhoda Stevens, .65
 - W. R. Strickland, 10.00
 - J. H. Hodges, 1.10
 - E. E. Wallace, Judgment and Interest from June 3, 1907, 7.19
 - A. P. Wallace, Judgment and Interest from Aug. 3, 1906, 40.53
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