SALARIES Versus FEES

Salaries For County Officers.

The sentiment in favor of placing that the subject was being much temporary says:

in several counties for some years, change, but an old established fees to the officers.

nomically administered, but at the lew that efficient and competent Still, it ought to go. men will not be willing to accept the which will have to be carefully look- Times-Dispatch. for and avoided. There the county offices up to the lowest nor must demagogism be adowed to play a part in determining this important question.

There can be no genany two counties. Each which adopts the new systhe salaries conform thereto without injustice to the future office-Lolders and still be within the bounds of strict economy will be no undertaking. Also, while hope the growing sentiment for the county in the state while those which it would help will be given the benefit of the change.-Charlotte

Cut Out the Fees.

merce, of Lynchburg, fires a hot shot county. at the fee system. It says:

thusiness man pay \$9,000 per year to basis of paying officers in Sampson. - summer resort, is promulgating plans a man to record the deeds? They Sampson Democrat. would, doubtless, do like the man wno is elected to the office-hire a competent man for \$1.800, and put the difference in his pocket. No seed to complain about the inequality of taxes, the extravagance of public men until every county officer is placed tive. "Hear 'bout th' fuss down to the party and an adventurer and a on a salary basis and every municipality has paid men to control its affairs-the commission plan of government, if you please."

The fee system is indefensible from a business viewpoint. That is the tions of his wife, an' Jedge Musgrave man to become your dictator, and to best reason why it should go .- Rich- told th' jury to bring in a verdict submit the welfare of your party to mond Times-Dispatch.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

The Bedford Democrat lives up to ing strength in many sections of the the antiquated system of fees for party place confidence in a man who The Lumberton Robesonian certain officers. We earnestly hope has been traitor to another party? says it is growing in Robeson coun- that the Democrat will keep hammerty. That paper advocates the chauge ing on this reform until it has ac- cratic state present fee system. The complished definite and satisfactory county, a brilliant, dashing young Salisbury Post of recent issue stated results. In its latest issue, our con- fellow, he at once attracted some

in Rowan county. In "We do not know of any well regu-Wake county the question has be- lated financial institution which pays read what the newspaper were say its employes otherwise than fixed sal- ing of him, and there was expression tent anti-primary campaign was aries, yet in the work of State, coun- of almost unanimous opinion that he urgently advocated by The ty and municipal government and Observer and the faction find that fees and commissions still younger Democrats in the state. of which it was the organ. In other attach to the compensation of offi- But one man present-also a Demosections of the state the idea is ciais. It is an old established cus- crat-who had been silent, spoke up; The system has been in operation ditions and circumstances may lapse of some 20 years, this is about and in all of them has proven so tom remains long after its days of satisfactory that the people of not a usefulness and light of reason have in regard to Marion Butler. one of them would be willing departed. An officer's time belongs true that he is bright and daring and to go back to he old plan of paying to the government which employs shrewd. I was in college with him him, and he should use that time in and I know him. He is as traitorous that the looking carefully and intelligently as he is bright, as treacherous as he legislature will make the to the interests of the State, county, is daring, and as contemptibly mean change in several other counties. town or city which commissions him as he is shrewd. A man who is dis-There will be efforts made to have it as an official. In other words, he loyal to a friend will be a traitor to do so at any rate and it will be apt should discharge fully the duties of his party or to a public trust. Just to succeed in most in which it is urged his office. If there be a failure to watch him. It will not be many earnestness. It is a change discharge the duties of the office years before he will show his true which should not be made hastily, the officer should be removed. It is character, and those who are praisnothing but good business for a man ing him now will be cursing him." In such legislation something be- to know what he is to receive for sides the saving of money to the his services, and it is likewise good from a knowledge gained from inshould be considered. All business for the paymaster to know timate relationship and experience, county governments should be eco the exact amount to be paid for the no matter which. service rendered."

As the Democrat says, it is diffithe interests and welfare of the peo- cult to root up and destroy a custom Democratic party nominated an Alple in other respects. Care should that has engrafted itself so long up- liance man, Elias Carr (in 1892) for be taken against placing salaries so on the machinery of local government, governor, Butler wrote an editorial

pears a timely article, signed "Dem- we would be at the mercy of that ocratic 'Tax-Payer," such change in the method of paying coun- | Listen! Two weeks after the date legislation will be the designation of ty officers, from the present fee of the paper containing that appeal system, to that of a salary basis, Al- written by Marion Butler, the same eral enactment on the subject. The so in this issue appears an article by Marion Butler was chairman of the same law could hardly be made to Mr. S. H. Hobbs, in which he also Populist convention in Raleigh that presents this question of a straight nominated Pat. Exum for governor salary basis for paying county of against the farmer candidate, Elias ficers, along with a couple of other Carr. In your mind you can trace suited to its conditions; and to make public questions he asks our readers the events of the succeeding years to consider.

We here comment on only one of those events. are some countles now under that we are in favor of it, and ex- he has used his foxy and traitorous others which would not be. We made. We are in favor of it because Carolina, returning every convention will not cause anything like able sum of money, several thousand Republican party all the bitternes a stampede to the injury of any dollars, to the county, and yet pay and discord it was possible for him the officers sufficient salaries to to discharge. enable competent men to accept the And this year he has bobbed places. We are in favor of fixing the again. salaries sufficiently large to justify Where is he now? and what is he able and trustworthy men in accept- doing? ing the offices; and we repeat, we Down at Morehead City, in the believe this can be done, and yet best apartments in the mammoth The Merchants' Journal and Com- save a considerable sum to the Atlantic hotel, where the cool ocean

There are some clerks of the will show exactly what the office with a corps of stenographers, daily court, sheriffs and registers of deeds holders cost the tax-payers, whereas bombarding the Republicans of the who draw larger fees in their re- the present fee system is altogether state with advice, and sticking his spective offices than the salary paid indefinite. We all have a right to long, keen-bladed knife in the direcany Governor in any Southern State. know what the county government tion of the vitals of the men who There are solicitors and common-costs us. We are confident that it have remained true to themselves, wealth's attorneys in small districts can be shown that the present sys- their party and their home state who draw larger fees than the sal- tem allows them more than the work How do you like it? ary of the At orney-General. There they do should cost the county, Think of it gentlemen of the are men who serve as aldermen for the matter over. We are not just fields, the mill, the shop and the nothing. There are county superin- now reaching this conclusion. We business office. A gunshod politician tendents of public schools, and yet have considered it for quite a while, from away from home has "come the politician will have you believe and have made sufficient inquiries back," and in ease and luxury that he is making a great success. as to how it pleases where the system sits complacently stroking his point-Yes, for himself and his allies. This tem is in operation to fully justify ed head, and with cool breezes and fee system is wrong. Would any an opinion that we need the salary cool drinks galore in a far-famed

Judge Knew Her Worth.

native with a pipe.

"Nope," drawled the man with traftor.

th' Court House?" the pipe. "What was it about?"

Abner Hawley for alienatin' th' affec- ing for Butler, or the Butler type of of 6 cents damages, 'cause he thought traitorous hands.-Greensboro Daithat was all the damages was worth ly News. to Jim. An' Jim's wife got mad an' threw a chair at th' Jedge, an' he and her arrested an' put in th' cool-

"But didn't th' Jedge go a leetle too far when he fixed her value so

"Not at all, not at all. Y' see, he was her first busband."-Ex.

A Glowing Tribute Paid the Honorable Marion Butler by the Greensboro Daily News.

Is the memory of the people colectively less liable to hold to important past events, than that of an individual? And if a man is not to county officers upon salaries is gain- its name. It is attacking vigorously judged? Can the people of any

> tom and difficult to eradicate. Con- and quoting from memory, after the cus- the language he used:

Prophetic words, or words spoken Refresh your

The press in other localities would published at Clinton, urging the Al-If there is anything like a do well to take up this fight. It is liance people to stand by the Demogeneral movement in this matter in simple justice to the people that the cratic nominee and not join the Third the next legislature this is a danger fee system should go .- Richmond -or People's party, then in process of formation urging such course on the ground that they could not help must be no semblance of putting We Should Pay Officers a Salary, to succeed in the Third party move-In this issue of the Democrat ap- once of the Republican party, and advocating a party both now and hereafter."

> and the part played by Butler in these question-that of establishing political star went down, and he a salary basis for paying county of- left the state taking up his abode ficers. And we state here and now in Washington city, from which place pect to advocate a trial of this method ingenuity to knife his former associfrom now on till the change is ates and allies back here in North we believe it would save a consider- year to throw into the ranks of the

breezes give him comfort and im-In the next place, the salary basis munity from the hot summer sun,

and schemes to dupe you-you who in the dust and din and smoke and toll of earning your daily bread, have not the time to study the dark The native wiht a stogie met the and devious ways of the scheming politician and to distinguish be-"Howdy, Zeb?" quoth the stogie na- fween a real patriot and servant of

Take time to consider, and to verify the absolute truth of the fore-"Why, Jim Simpson has been suing going, and then say if you are will-

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	2.50	"	1.89	50c	"			38
	4.00		3.38	10c	percales			71/2
	4.00	Coat Sulf	ts3.38	1234	c "			91/2
	5.00		3.89	10c	suitings			8
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