

# SALARIES Versus FEES

Salaries For County Officers.

The sentiment in favor of placing county officers upon salaries is gaining strength in many sections of the state. The Lumberton Robesonian says it is growing in Robeson county. That paper advocates the change from the present fee system. The Salisbury Post of recent issue stated that the subject was being much discussed in Rowan county. In Wake county the question has become prominent and during the recent anti-primary campaign was most vigorously advocated by The News and Observer and the faction of which it was the organ. In other sections of the state the idea is growing in popularity.

The system has been in operation in several counties for some years, and in all of them has proven so satisfactory that the people of not a single one of them would be willing to go back to the old plan of paying fees to the officers.

It is highly probable that the next legislature will make the change in several other counties. There will be efforts made to have it do so at any rate and it will be apt to succeed in most in which it is urged with earnestness. It is a change which should not be made hastily, however, in any count.

In such legislation something besides the saving of money to the county should be considered. All county governments should be economically administered, but at the same time regard should be had for the interests and welfare of the people in other respects. Care should be taken against placing salaries so low that efficient and competent men will not be willing to accept the offices. If there is anything like a general movement in this matter in the next legislature this is a danger which will have to be carefully looked out for and avoided. There must be no semblance of putting the county officers up to the lowest bidder, nor must demagogism be allowed to play a part in determining this important question.

The greatest difficulty in such legislation will be the designation of the salaries. There can be no general enactment on the subject. The same law could hardly be made to apply to any two counties. Each county which adopts the new system must have a schedule of salaries suited to its conditions; and to make the salaries conform thereto without injustice to the future officeholders and still be within the bounds of strict economy will be no easy undertaking. Also, while there are some counties now under the fee system which would be benefited by the change, there are others which would not be. We hope the growing sentiment for the change will not cause anything like a stampede to the injury of any county in the state while those which it would help will be given the benefit of the change.—Charlotte News.

### Cut Out the Fees.

The Merchants' Journal and Commerce, of Lynchburg, fires a hot shot at the fee system. It says:

"There are some clerks of the court, sheriffs and registers of deeds who draw larger fees in their respective offices than the salary paid any Governor in any Southern State. There are solicitors and commonwealth's attorneys in small districts who draw larger fees than the salary of the Attorney-General. There are men who serve as aldermen for nothing. There are county superintendents of public schools, and yet the politician will have you believe that he is making a great success. Yes, for himself and his allies. This fee system is wrong. Would any business man pay \$9,000 per year to a man to record the deeds? They would, doubtless, do like the man who is elected to the office—hire a competent man for \$1,800, and put the difference in his pocket. No need to complain about the inequality of taxes, the extravagance of public men until every county officer is placed 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 best reason why it should go.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

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### A GUM SHOE POLITICIAN.

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

Is the memory of the people collectively less liable to hold to important past events, than that of an individual? And if a man is not to be properly and correctly judged by his past record, by what shall he be judged? Can the people of any party place confidence in a man who has been traitor to another party?

When Marion Butler was a Democratic state senator from Sampson county, a brilliant, dashing young fellow, he at once attracted some attention. A group of Democrats were one day discussing him, having read what the newspaper were saying of him, and there was expression of almost unanimous opinion that he was the most promising of all the younger Democrats in the state. But one man present—also a Democrat—who had been silent, spoke up; and quoting from memory, after the lapse of some 20 years, this is about the language he used:

"I can't agree with you gentlemen in regard to Marion Butler. It is true that he is bright and daring and shrewd. I was in college with him and I know him. He is as traitorous as he is bright, as treacherous as he is daring, and as contemptibly mean as he is shrewd. A man who is disloyal to a friend will be a traitor to his party or to a public trust. Just watch him. It will not be many years before he will show his true character, and those who are praising him now will be cursing him."

Prophetic words, or words spoken from a knowledge gained from intimate relationship and experience, no matter which. Refresh your memory as to the sequel.

About two years later, when the Democratic party nominated an Alliance man, Elias Carr (in 1892) for governor, Butler wrote an editorial in his paper, The Caucasian, then published at Clinton, urging the Alliance people to stand by the Democratic nominee and not join the Third—or People's party, then in process of formation urging such course on the ground that they could not help to succeed in the Third party movement except through the sufferance of the Republican party, and we would be at the mercy of that party both now and hereafter."

Listen! Two weeks after the date of the paper containing that appeal written by Marion Butler, the same Marion Butler was chairman of the Populist convention in Raleigh that nominated Pat. Exum for governor against the farmer candidate, Elias Carr. In your mind you can trace the events of the succeeding years and the part played by Butler in those events. After a few years his political star went down, and he left the state taking up his abode in Washington city, from which place he has used his foxy and traitorous ingenuity to knife his former associates and allies back here in North Carolina, returning every convention year to throw into the ranks of the Republican party all the bitterness and discord it was possible for him to discharge.

And this year he has bobbed up again.

Where is he now? and what is he doing?

Down at Morehead City, in the best apartments in the mammoth Atlantic hotel, where the cool ocean breezes give him comfort and immunity from the hot summer sun, with a corps of stenographers, daily bombarding the Republicans of the state with advice, and sticking his long, keen-bladed knife in the direction of the vitals of the men who have remained true to themselves, their party and their home state.

Think of it gentlemen of the fields, the mill, the shop and the business office. A gunshoe politician from away from home has "come back," and in ease and luxury sits complacently stroking his pointed head, and with cool breezes and cool drinks galore in a far-famed summer resort, is promulgating plans and schemes to dupe you—you who in the dust and din and smoke and toil of earning your daily bread, have not the time to study the dark and devious ways of the scheming politician and to distinguish between a real patriot and servant of the party and an adventurer and a traitor.

Take time to consider, and to verify the absolute truth of the foregoing, and then say if you are willing for Butler, or the Butler type of man to become your dictator, and to submit the welfare of your party to traitorous hands.—Greensboro Daily News.

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