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Thought for the Week,

As a thought for the week we present this, the 133 Psalm:

1. Behold, how good and how pleasant IT IS for brethren to dwell together in unity.

2. IT IS like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, EVEN Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garment.

As the dew of Hermon, AND AS THE DEW that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, EVEN life evermore.

Echoes From the Primray Campaign.

The primary is over, thanks to "Father Time." We have heard a few faint echoes here and there while passing along. Some sound mighty good, some don't sound so well. Some come from hearts that are bouncing with the joy of victory; some rise from hearts that are heavy with defeat.

Some of the boys say they were counted out, some say their friends "laid down on them," some say the men they put money with went back on them, some say that their tickets were not allowed on the grounds in certain sections; some say judges destroyed tickets of candidates they didn't like. One man said he wanted to write an article on "Rotten Politibs." We heard of one place where \$50.00 was offered for an affidavit making positive proof that any man had sold his vote. The news came from another place that a man was buying votes at \$2.50 and that another man told him he would whip him if he offered to buy another.

Another report came to us that in one township a preacher was drunk at the election. Some of the candidates received money back that they had placed out for use on the day of the election. Some tell us our campaign has done good; lots of good. Well, we hope so. It is said that votes went as high as \$10.00 and as low as \$1.00. Some say it won't be long until the man who buys votes will be as unpopular as the man who now refuses to buy.

Four men who pledged to a clean campaign went through. It looks as if some who refused to buy, at least who pledged not to buy, were about as popular as they would have been if they had bought, even now.

What do you say about it? If a man gets through without buying votes that's all he could do if he bought them. Some candidates who refused to enter the agreement have said that they were willing to make affidavits that they never bought a vote. But none of these won.

Don't Worry

We hope the defeated candidates will not take their defeats to heart. Boys, don't worry. "This world goes round and round."

As some go up and some go down.

Such is life. Its hard to loose but you couldn't all win. Sometimes victory is almost as sad as defeat.

A FRIEND

The following description by an unknown writer is our idea of a friend.

A friend is a person who is "for you" always, under any circumstances. He never investigates you. When charges are made against you he does not ask proof.

He asks the accuser to clear out. He likes you just as you are. He does not want to alter you. Whatever kind of coat you wear suits him. Whether you have on a dress suit or a hickory shirt with one collar, he thinks it's fine.

He likes your moods and enjoys your pessimism as much as your optimism. He likes your success. And your failure endears you to him the more. He is better than a lover because he is never jealous. He wants nothing from you except that you be yourself. He is the one being with whom you can feel safe. With him you can utter your heart, its badness and its goodness. You don't have to be careful. There are many faithful wives and husbands; there are few faithful friends.

Friendship is the most admirable, amazing and rare article among human beings. Anybody can stand by you when you are

right; a friend stands by you even when you are wrong. The highest known form of friendship is that of a dog to its master. You are in luck if you can find one man or woman on earth that has that kind of affection for you and fidelity to you. Like the shade of a great tree in the noonday heat, is a friend. Like the home port, with your country's flag flying after long journeys, is a friend.

A friend is an impregnable citadel of refuge in the strife of existence. It is he who keeps alive your faith in human nature that makes you believe it is a universe. He is the antidote to despair, the elixir of hope, the tonic of depression, the medicine to cure suicide. When you are vigorous and spirited you like to take your pleasures with him; when you are in trouble you want to tell him; when you are dying you want him near. You give him without reluctance and borrow from him without embarrassment. If you live 50 years and find one absolute friend you are fortunate.—New Port Plain Talk.

We, also, desire to endorse the unknown writer's description of a friend, but we would rather have a few friends like he describes.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION

Since the Republican Primary in Madison County the political situation has taken one new color. It is said that Mr. Caney Ramsey will be in race for Sheriff on the ground that he thinks he was entitled to the nomination. For the accuracy of this statement we would not vouch. At least, such has been the talk. In the event that he should run the political situation in this county would be a little out of the ordinary. If such should be the political program there would be a three cornered fight and a fight "to the finish."

Affidavits in Regard to the Election.

Having been unanimously agreed upon as chairman of the meeting to canvas the returns from the several townships of Madison county cast in the Republican primary on June 18th 1914, for the several candidates for office. And upon full canvas of the returns from each precinct it was found that the following persons received the highest number of votes cast for the various offices.

Representative, Ira Plemmons; Clerk Superior Court, W. A. West; Sheriff, W. M. Buckner; Register of Deeds, James Smart; Treasurer, C. F. Rannion; County Commissioners, W. L. George, Jno. E. Rector, T. A. Silver.

There was some controversy in regard to returns from Township No. 2, ward one; but from the high character of the poll holders from said ward and after F. B. Shelton, one of said poll holders makes affidavit that the returns as presented to the meeting were true and correct. I am persuaded that the returns from said ward were correctly reported to the meeting.

M. A. CHANDLEY, Ch'm. North Carolina, Madison County, } SS.

Frank Shelton, after being duly sworn deposes and says, that he was one of the judges at the Republican primary held for the nomination for county officers in Ward No. 1, of Township No. 2 of Madison County on the 18th day of June, 1914, and acted as such judge. That at said primary held as aforesaid, the following vote was cast for Sheriff W. M. Buckner 49, Caney Ramsey 19 and J. H. Sprinkle 20; that due return of said vote was made

to the County Convention which met in Marshall on Monday June the 15th. That he supported the said Caney Ramsey in said election and did all he could for him. That as far as this affiant is informed and believes said election was conducted fairly and impartially and each and every vote cast for said candidates was duly counted and reported.

F. B. SHELTON. Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 17 day of June 1914.

Wm. GUNTER, Justice of the Peace.

North Carolina, Madison County, } SS.

L. B. Rice, Eddie Buckner and F. B. Leak being duly sworn, each for himself says, that the said L. B. Rice and Eddie Buckner were the judges and the said F. B. Leak was the Clerk at a Republican primary election held for the nomination for county officers in No. 10 Township, County and state aforesaid, on the 18th day of June, 1914. That said election was conducted fairly and impartially, according to law and the rules and regulations of the republican party. That all ballots cast by the electors were duly deposited in the ballot boxes and counted and reported for the candidate for whom they were cast. That due returns of said election were made out by the said judges and clerk and sent to the county convention held in the town of Marshall, on the 15th day of June, 1914.

L. B. Rice, Eddie Buckner, F. B. Leake.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 17th day of June, 1914.

JAMES BULLMAN, Justice of the Peace.

Appreciation

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to my friends in each township of Madison County for being so loyal to me in the primary election while I was deprived of getting to see my friends in various townships you voted for me all the same and those who voted for the other men of their choice I have the very best of feeling for them; for every man has the right to vote for the men of their choice and myself nor any one else haven't any right to think hard.

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NOTICE

North Carolina } In the Superior
Madison County } Court.

Wm. Cody and wife Petitioners
VS.
Hardy Side and wife Delutha-Side and E. S. Hunt.

The defendant, E. S. Hunt, will take notice that a special proceeding entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Madison County for the purpose of adopting as petitioners lawful heir, one Millie Cody, and the said defendant E. S. Hunt will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Madison County, on the 30th day of July 1914 at the Court House in said County in Marshall, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 16, day of June 1914.

N. B. McDEVITT,
Clerk Superior Court,

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