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West, Miss., July 16.—Welcomed by the Durant brass band, and greeted by a large and enthusiastic audience, Hon. C. H. Alexander made his third speech of the day in Holmes county last night at West, having spoken to large crowds at Tolerville and Shadon before reaching here.

Seats had been provided in the school yard, as the building would not hold half the crowd. The yard was brilliantly decorated with Japanese lanterns, and the scene was an impressive one.

Mr. Alexander put a new phase in the discussion of the failure of Maj. Vardaman to account for the various funds in his control as governor by answering the oft-repeated question, "Why, if the governor was guilty, was he not prosecuted?"

He asked the audience to consider a case not politics. "Suppose," he said, "a man in your county had control of four funds. For instance, suppose he was guardian of a minor, administrator of an estate, treasurer of a lodge, or had collected money to build a church. Then when the wards asked for an itemized account, he should denounce them as assassins of character, and when the heirs asked him, as administrator, to show his books and memoranda, he should call them liars; when the members of the lodge asked for a report, he should deny, with oaths, their right to ask him a question, and, finally, when the members of the church asked for the list of subscribers, he should refuse it and exhaust the vocabulary of abuse in denouncing them for asking the question, would you be asked to elect such a man?"

Mr. Alexander pointed out how one bank in Jackson had, when asked by the accountant to exhibit the books which would show the battleship fund, in vain sought to get from Major Vardaman permission to show them, and how another bank, his main depository, had in its desperate efforts to shield Major Vardaman actually enjoined the accountant from investigating their books showing the contingent fund, and all this, he said,

"was being done to aid the man who never had a political secret in keeping the tax-paying public in the dark as to his handling of these public funds."

## ALEXANDER GAINING.

Jackson, Miss., July 12, 1911.—Hon. C. H. Alexander's campaign managers seem to be just as positive that Mr. Alexander will be one of the men in the second race as they are that the first primary will be held August 1st. Only recently a number of newspapers have enlisted under his banner that have not supported him up until now. This is significant. These newspapers see the way the wind is blowing. From every quarter comes the news that Mr. Alexander is going to get a very large vote among the farmers and one of his adherents stated a few days ago that he was prepared to prove that 40 per cent of the farmers would vote for C. H. Alexander. Every faction concedes that he will get almost all the silent voters—always a determining factor in political contests. Mr. Alexander's friendly attitude towards organized labor, which he has exhibited in a very substantial and convincing way, whenever the opportunity offered has brought to his support a vast majority of the railway employees, the mechanics, the brick masons and members of union labor generally throughout the state. The fact, too, that he has always been an anti-corporation lawyer has placed him close to the hearts of thousands of voters. The fight he has made for honesty in politics and his avoidance in the use of epithets or abusive language regarding his opponents has given him easy access to the best thought of the people. He has never yet used language on the stump that would be objectionable in the presence of ladies. He has taken his message to the people and they have realized that he was their friend and believe that he will be their faithful advocate in the United States Senate. His campaign is one of the most remarkable in the history of the state and notwithstanding the intensity of the

contest there has been no one yet to assail his character or public record. There is nothing against him. The drift is toward Alexander good and strong.

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## MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT

From the Delta, the Hills and the Prairie, from the Coast and from the Pine Woods, the good news comes in that the drift is ALEXANDERWARDS. County after county is falling into line, and from counties where several weeks ago it was said Alexander "would get a good vote" the news comes that Alexander will lead the ticket. His headquarters in Jackson are more than hopeful—they are confident; and they claim to base their confidence on reports direct from the front, as they are in close touch with every section of the State.

Four years ago Mr. Brewer fooled the best politicians in the State and turned up in both primaries with a splendid vote, and was on Monday declared the nominee for Governor because of the remarkable campaign he made and because of his ability, the campaign made by Mr. Alexander resembles that made by Mr. Brewer and is showing results, for he is being reckoned with in every county in Mississippi today.

Alexander is the logical man for the run-off; he is the man who has no explanations to make on account of a changed attitude politically; he is the man who has been in the thickest of the fighting for all of fifteen months; he is the man who can poll practically the entire strength of either of his opponents who may be eliminated in the first primary. Alexander is the available man. Amid all of the bickerings of this campaign, in all of the bitterness that has been injected into it, Alexander has gone straight ahead, fearlessly and aggressively presenting his views to the people of Mississippi, and he is the second choice of nearly every voter in the State and the first choice of 45,000 or better; his nomination would leave no sting and would be gratifying to the people of Mississippi. His election would insure the State of Mississippi of an able representative in the Senate.

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