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LAW REFORM.

A valued correspondent, a county judge of experience, discusses the above subject in a paper which we publish below. It is one that is old yet ever new. His thought is to simplify procedure and expedite the trial of causes. In this praiseworthy event he simply follows in the footsteps of prominent lawyers in the past and present; for all law reforms in the above directions have been initiated by members of the legal fraternity who have put patriotism above pecuniary considerations.

Apart from any question of the desirability of the changes suggested in this paper, and as to which we at present express no opinion, the time is perhaps not opportune for any further changes. We have recently had a general upheaval and re-adjustment of procedure, and a natural complaint would be that before practitioners can become familiar with a new state of things a further change is suggested. There are those who might consider that we have done enough for the present, and that it would be well to hasten slowly, and see the working out of changes that have been made during the past few years.

In the meantime, many of the suggestions of our correspondent are worthy of consideration, and possibly of adoption. Our readers will be glad to have his views, and we shall be glad to give them the benefit of any criticisms which they may desire to make in reference to the subject touched upon by the learned county judge.

The article he sends us reads as follows:—

“It occurs to me to suggest that it would save expense and expedite litigation if our civil courts were to adopt the procedure of the Mechanics and Wage-Earners’ Lien Act and of the County Judges Criminal Court, and thus secure the speedy trial of all