

## COL. T. T. HICKS ON A JUDICIARY

Says It is Not Non-Partisan, But is a Democratic Body

HE REFERS TO THE TAFT APPOINTEES

Speech at the Banquet That Made Everybody Laugh and Hit Everybody

At the recent Morehead banquet in the Auditorium Col. Thurston Hicks, responding to the toast, "A Non-Partisan Judiciary," made such an amusing speech that there has been a constant call from Democrats and Republicans to see it in print.

The address could be heard with the greatest difficulty only. Some of the five or six hundred not on the program, insisted that there had been a mistake and kept up an unbroken babel. Colonel Hicks, who was once a candidate for a Supreme Court Justiceship and received large support for a position on the Federal bench, isn't himself a non-partisan, but what he said hit both ways. Toastmaster Tom Settle laughed as heartily as anybody, for he had been out of the same boat. There were several who enjoyed its raps at President Taft, and it hit almost everybody in some political spot. It is no form of anticlimax to say it was a very bright speech.

Mr. Hicks said: Perhaps this subject was assigned me for the same reason that caused a local committee to appoint me to introduce Mr. Josephus Daniels at a Henderson function. They just wanted to see if I could do it and how I would do it. I will not repeat my speech on that occasion, I will repeat Josephus'. He said: "You all know why Mr. Hicks made such a good speech. He had such a good subject," and added after a pause—"The News and Observer."

A Non-Partisan Judiciary. It is the dream of the ages—the one far off, divine event. If we had not political cases to decide, nothing but issues involving the use of pure reason and the abstract science of law, the dream would be nearer realization. But it is a plant that does not flourish in North Carolina in the present state of our civilization. Within the memory of all present, a man has been offered a position on a non-partisan judicial ticket in our State and refused it. Another was offered it and accepted it, and was generally considered to have become a partisan before the end of his term. Verily, I say unto you, they both have their reward.

When, as in North Carolina all parties have abundant judicial material, and under even such election laws and counts as we have, forty-six out of every hundred suffragans belong to one party and fifty-four to another, it would seem that the judicial office could be removed from politics and filled by members of both parties and the judges raised to the rank of the British judges of whom it is said: "They cannot be swerved a hair breadth from the line of duty by any earthly considerations."

Yet, of those who sit in judgment in North Carolina, judges, recorders, mayors, magistrates, all are of the same political faith Republicans and negroes are brought into judgment of life liberty and property, before those they had no hand in creating. "And there is no help for the widows"—at Washington.

"The one fixed point," as Mr. Woodrow Wilson called the man he formerly wished to "knock into a cocked hat," declares now that a law must be enacted requiring all endorsers of appointees to Federal judgeships to be published. He demands this because he says that the corporations and "interests" and wealth of the country claim and exercise the right to name the Federal judges of the United States. We will wait 'til Mr. Roosevelt "steals that plank" from the "peerless one" before we adopt it.

Formerly, judges were appointed by the Crown, the Governor or the Legislature "during good behavior," which meant for life. As intelligence increased and the people were thought capable of choosing judges, they became elective for eight or sixteen years. We are now rapidly approaching the point at which the people at large may determine every month or two whether the judges are carrying into effect the views of those who elected them; and if they are not, they must imma-

ately give place to others who will. If that day ever comes, we had as well never think again of "a non-partisan judiciary," for then every man will be his own "constitutional lawyer."

To the Republicans of North Carolina a non-partisan judiciary has about come to mean a Democratic judiciary. With not a Republican judge or magistrate in the State, in the last three years we have seen appointed to life positions on the Federal bench Lurton, Connor, Lamar and White all Democrats. "The King can do no wrong." We must all say "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." We do so. For it is very certain that the bread and the meat and the comfort, not to mention happiness of many millions, depend on the election of a Republican President in 1912.

But as we grease the wheels and mend the harness for the campaign journey of 1912, we cannot but feel that we would be greatly helped along the way, if we could say to the people and especially to the Republicans who do not believe that the day for a Democratic non-partisan judiciary has arrived, that there is somehow, somewhere, a point, a ray of light and hope for them—that they may, some sweet day, bye and bye, see the honors and the judicial power of this native well-beloved State enjoy and exercised by those who affections are large enough to embrace the entire Union as well as the State: that their President, who receives their votes, when he has the power by his one vote, to elect a man to office, will cast that vote as they vote and as he advises them to vote—Republican.

We all want a non-partisan judiciary; but knowing as we do, that the ablest court that ever sat in North Carolina was composed of Republicans, Pearson, Bynum and Rodman, we wish to usher in the millennium by a "referendum and rectify" to power, for at least one term of eight of a Republican non-partisan judiciary.

### Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed on the 16th day of May, 1910, by J. W. Kernodle and wife, Lula V. Kernodle, to the Central Loan & Trust Co., and recorded in the public registry of Alamance County, in Book No. 43, page 557, of Mortgage Deeds, the said Central Loan & Trust Co., will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door in Graham, N. C., at 12 o'clock M. Monday, April 1st, 1912, the following described tract of land lying and being in Alamance County, North Carolina, Burlington Township in the city of Burlington, and described as follows, to wit:

Adjoining the lands of J. E. Oaks, W. M. Williams, J. L. Thomas, and others and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake J. E. Oaks corner running thence N. 58 3-4 deg. W. 3 chs. and 60 links to a stone, thence S. 50 1-4 deg. W. 2 chs. to a stone, thence S. 59 3-4 deg. E. 3 chs. and 50 links to a stone, thence N. 43 deg. E. 2 chs. and 10 links to the beginning, containing 3-4 of an acre, more or less. This the 24th day of February, 1912. The Central Loan & Trust Co., Mortgagee.

### Proceedings of the County Commissioners.

Graham, N. C., Mar. 11.—The Board of County Commissioners of Alamance County met in the court house on the above date as per adjournment of March 4th at ten o'clock A. M. with the following members present:

Geo. T. Williamson, Chairman, T. R. Barker, E. L. Dailey, J. E. Stroud, W. H. Turrentine.

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: That C. M. Keck be relieved of \$2.96 Graded school tax in Haw River Township same being an over charge.

Ordered: That G. C. McBane be relieved of \$1.73 Graded school tax in Spring Graded school same erroneously listed.

Ordered: That citizens in Cobles township be allowed to run a telephone line along the public roads from J. M. Albrights via Bellemont to Burlington provided that the poles be so planted so as not to obstruct the road or ditches in any way.

Ordered: That E. B. Meacham be relieved of tax on \$175.00 personal property same erroneously listed.

It is ordered: That all persons who paint signs on the CONCRETE bridges belonging to the county be fined the sum of fifty dollars by the Board of County Commissioners.

It is ordered: That the Supt. of Roads be and is hereby ordered to make a paint from lime and cement and paint over all signs now on said bridges.

Ordered: That citizens in Thompson and Melville and Graham Townships be allowed to put up a Telephone line along the public Roads with the understanding that the poles shall be so planted so as not to obstruct the roads or bridges in any way.

The Board borrow fifteen thousand dollars from C. A. Webb & Co. at 5 1-2 per cent to take up some outstanding notes now due and to meet the necessary expenses of the county.

The following named persons were drawn as Jurors for the May term of Court 1912:

- T. Z. Fogleman, No. 1.
- Daniel Humble, No. 12.
- W. T. Newlin, No. 8.
- Robert L. Durham, No. 5.
- L. B. Williamson, No. 12.
- S. P. Coble, No. 9.
- Milton J. Cable, No. 3.
- T. S. Evans, No. 12.
- W. B. Daffon, No. 1.
- T. G. Nicholson, No. 12.
- D. W. Ellington, No. 8.
- G. D. Moore, No. 12.
- J. Edgar Long, No. 6.
- J. H. Jones, Jr., No. 4.
- W. A. Godfrey, No. 6.
- T. H. McPherson, No. 12.
- R. J. Hall, No. 12.
- J. W. Boone, No. 6.
- G. W. Thomas, No. 8.
- R. E. L. Holt, No. 12.
- Braxton Rogers, No. 12.
- John Wingham, No. 8.
- J. H. Long, No. 12.
- E. A. Thompson, No. 8.
- J. B. Cole, No. 6.
- K. L. Kimery, No. 13.
- B. J. Williamson, No. 9.
- Joe E. Gant, No. 4.

### Notice of Re-Sale of "Richmond Hill" Property.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Alamance County, made in the special proceeding entitled E. S. W. Dameron, administrator of J. C. Bradsher, dec'd, plaintiff, vs J. P. Bradsher and wife, Alice Bradsher, R. H. Bradsher and wife, Lula Bradsher, W. J. Porterfield and wife, Fannie Porterfield, by her guardian ad litem, W. I. Ward, A. R. Bradsher and wife, Sarah Bradsher, C. P. Bradsher and wife, Balkie Bradsher, Daniel R. Bradsher, Lula Bradsher, Ida E. Bradsher, Margaret Savannah Thomas and her husband, W. O. Thomas, Eliza Jane Burch and her husband, Robert Burch, defendants, the undersigned commissioner will, on SATURDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF APRIL 1912,

at 2 o'clock P. M., on the premises hereinafter described, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described:

Lot No. 1. A certain tract or parcel of land in Burlington Township, Alamance County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of John Johnson, Big Falls Road, a street and others bounded as follows:

Beginning at an iron bolt on the N. side of said road, corner with said Johnson, running thence N. 74 o E. 180 ft to an iron bolt at the S. E. corner of said street into the said road; thence N. 4 1-4 o E. 150 ft to an iron bolt corner on W. side of said street; thence S. 74 o W. 180 ft to an iron bolt; thence S. 4 1-4 o W. 150 ft to the beginning, containing 57 of an acre, more or less, upon which is situated a nice cottage house of several rooms.

Lot No. 2. A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Burlington Township, Alamance County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Daniel Roberts, the heirs of J. C. Bradsher, dec'd, and others and bounded as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe, corner with said Roberts and Bradsher land; running thence N. 86 1-2 o W. 75 feet to an iron bolt in said Roberts line; thence S. 2 1-2 o W. 96 ft. to an iron bolt; thence 90 o S. E. 87 1-2 o E. 150 ft. to an iron bolt; thence 90 o N. 2 1-2 o E. 100 ft. to an iron bolt; thence S. 88 3-4 o W. 75 ft. to the beginning, containing .33 of an acre, more or less; upon which is situated a two-room log house.

The bidding on Lot No. 1, above described, will start at \$42.07, and on Lot No. 2 at \$122.10. Terms of Sale Cash. This March 1st, 1912.

E. S. W. Dameron, Commissioner.

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### Richeson Visited in Jail.

Several members of the Executive council visited Clarence V. Richeson, condemned murderer of Avis Linnell, in his cell at the Suffolk county Massachusetts jail March 7th. The visit was made in the course of an inspection of the jail by the Governor and council. Governor Foss was closeted with Sheriff Quinn when the rest of the party went to the former clergyman's cell and therefore did not see Richeson. Members of the council declare that the prisoner talked but little, but seemed to be in a normal state of mind and health, although thin and rather pall. Only the governor and council can save Richeson from the electric chair 10 weeks hence. The condemned man's counsel has not yet petitioned the governor for commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment, but will do so shortly.

### Woman Sentenced to Electric Chair

For the first time in Massachusetts criminal procedure a woman, Mrs. Lena Cusumano, was sentenced to death in the electric chair March 5th. Enrico Masciola, whose name has been anglicized into "Harry Marshall" and who was convicted jointly with Mrs. Cusumano for the murder of the woman's husband, in September, 1910, also was sentenced to death. Both sentences are to be carried out in the State prison at Charlestown, Mass., during the week beginning June 2, next.

### National Convention Dates:

Socialist National Convention, Oklahoma City, May 12th.  
Republican National Convention, Chicago, Ill., June 18th.  
Democratic National Convention, Baltimore, Md., June 25th.  
Prohibition National Convention, Atlantic City, N. J., July 10, 11, 12.

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