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begius. There will be left of his term three years. Would the judge have power to fill this vacancy for three years ? or ASHEVILLE DAILY CITIZEN A NICE POINT OF LAW (Continued from first page.)

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A NICE POINT.

The question which Judge derrimon discusses in The CITIZEN today is contained in this section of the State Constitution:

"All vacancies occurring in the effort provided for by this article of the constitution [the judicial offices] shall be file by the appointment of the Governor unless otherwise provided for, and the appointees shall hold their places into the next regular election for members of the General Assembly, when elections shall be held to fill such offices."

The point at issue is, for what length of term are Judges elected when choses by the people to fill a vacancy-the in term of eight years, or the unexpired term of less than eight years ? Attorney Gen eral Osborne holds that the people elect only for the full term :

"My opinion is that all indges electe under this section of the constitution at elected for a full term of eight years.

cleeted for a full term of eight years. . There is no question in the mine of any one as to its meaning down to the words 'when elections shall be hele to full such offices.' These words stund-be taken in their ordnare sense, and the framers of the constitution should be considered as having so us d. them, unconsidered as naving so us d less by giving them their ordinary signi-ficance, the construction is absurd impossible, or co-thets with some other section of the constitution. The wor office conveys to my mind not only th place but also every one of its incident and amongst them its term-not at pur of the term, but its full term. When we say in common purlance that a man i elected to fill an office, what other sugar cance can be given to the express than that he has been elected to fill it to its full term :

The point is a nice one and Judge Mer rimon, requested so to do by many Asheville lawyers, has examined it an presents his conclusion at length an with all the force and clearness to be expected of one of his known reputation and conceded ability.

JUST IN NORTH CAROLINA.

-1. Surfer of Wilmingt u. dealer in clothing and furnishing goods, made an assignment Thursday.

—The Herald says a manual of $C_{\rm e}$ M Roper, 25 years of , was killed on the Western North Carolina railroad traciabout three miles below Morganton Tuesday atternoon by the west beau freight. Roper was drunk, and he was sitting on the end of a cross-tic asl-up.

-Charlotte Observer: Concord hu now in operation 35,000 spindles no 1,490 looms. She has 1,000 people employed in her cotton mills and at leas 2,500 people depend upon these mills for a living. She pays out \$34,000 annual! for labor in th se factories. She pays on annually about \$500,000 for cotton is feed these mills. The capital stock of these mills runs up to \$6\$6,000. An she has mother large mill under consideration.

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Speaking of the Ovide Mus a compathe San Francisco Chronicle says : Musin stands beyond any compariso

with any violinist, who has played in this city. He stands abreast of the few whin all times have surpassed all other per

only until the next regular election for members of the general assembly? I am ection 25 has nothing to do with anything but encancies. It is altogether unof opinion the judge's appointee could hold the office only until the next reguprobable that the convention of 1875 intended to provide in section 25 for the election of a judge to the full turn o eight vears. In Cloud v. Wilson, 72 N. 27 155 the Section 25 for the har election for members of the General Assembly, when an election would be beld to fall the office-not for four years, but for the unexpired term. And it is by 2. 155, the Supreme court were manned but to full to full the efficience of the four years, mously of opinion that section 31 of the constitution of 1868, conferred authority to full vacancies only, and that under manned to full vacancies only and that under manned to full vacancies o fill vacancies only, and that under up incomstances could a new term of office that case the court construed the words ment or by el eri on. Judge Read, it his next or by creating opision in that case says: "That would be an enormity for which I remember no prycedent, cither to appoint or elect an officer not only to appoint or election officer not, only or the unexpired true, but for one half if the succeeding term. A senator in fected to fill a three years, but if beted to fill a three years, but if the succeeding term. So here, when two indges are ecceed in 1874. They divertises in terms which exore in tS78, ther terms expire in 1878. They if we reduces and not terms." The word vac rely, when us it with the terms to office, means simply an

raised upon its runs every time the office around generative warmet. Why should a cherence to an office, means simply on moccupied office, on office "when desti-uperor and wristing an increasible to an hiterent the le applied to the offices of astree of the Supreme court and Judges hee which is empty or not tilled." Social 25 deals only with offices in which of the Superior court from the rule which governs or other elective offices? concess invesses of the second data is, with one officers for which incombents had It is certain that in all cases where bet on have been held to fill the places confirmshed who either would not tolo eld by the Governor's appointers it was niversally understood that such elec-

m, or having taken them got out of m, m some manner, before the experitons were to fill warancies and not full mottheir terms. This impears will in all off charness from the language the section itself. The governor is on in recapitalistin

 The office of Judge was created, and eterm of office permanently established the constitution 2 All electrons to this office for regular literars must be held under section 21

news recurring in offices. Its ar-onities shall hold, our caemenes, but are places for a certain time, and then retrons shall be field to fill such offices. article IV, of the constitution, 5. The subject matter of section 25 of reade IV as "Vacancies occurring in the flows provided on by this article of the he wor a 'which offices' in the connect in in which they are placed mean and could mean, refer to and concords, its to the places hold by the governor? ation," and the mainer of filling This section was substituted for usingless, and these places are the free in which vacancies have occurred section 31 of article IV, of the constitud not new and independent terms of normal 1868, the only subject matter of s last mantioned section was vacau-Section 25 was not intended to inters hold vacuncies and not offices is usual. If they hold offices they are a tiply the solution attained said see-or 31 in anywise whitever, as was Judgy Raffin in King vs. Me and Whiteser is appointed of which a vocancy has occurred until me one has been elected to ac and relet netton 25 is appointed or and the accept it and quality. This, in, is not the kind of office, which is a court to a vacancy and not otherwise a 2736 of the Code is in har in 25 m des provision for filling. The mole still more evident by the limit which constitution and settle astruction of section 25 of article "Trace but one in the section: "Trace person elected or appointed to my of said offices shall neglect and in equally, such affice shall be appeared a held and falled as provided in cases () IV of the constitution given above, an the frit construction.

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But this prection is settled by the 657 action of chipter 275 public hay 876-7, now section 2.730 of the co

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of speed, and has never been question so far trom les being arconstitu-ar ond a reasonable doubt, it is diff sie how the cean be nuv reasons and or its valuity. There is certain accures provision of the constituta eith which it conflicts. The legislatu in passing it was evidently of opinion out section 25 orde mode provision for filling vacancies and for keeping "a lin combanis of soid offices" in office until terminants of soil offices ' in office unit berr successors werequalified. The pur-rise of the legislature was to pass a law give practical effect to the provision if section 25, and not to change it in an respect whatever. Why the construction which the legislature gave the section bouid be disturbed is not easy to see.

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I might go on now to discuss man provisions of the constitution in regar-to filling vacancies, but it is sufficient t as that none of them at all conflict with he construction I have given section 22 I will, however, say a word in regard to energicies occurring in the office of the leck of the Superior court-S.c. 17 of Art. 4 of the constitution "Clerks of the Superior court shall not their office for four years," Sec. 20 o the some article provides: "In case the

office of a clerk of a Superior court for county shall become vacant otherwise than by expiration of the term, and in and General Alfred T. Goshorn compares than by expiration of the term, and it with the Centennial Exhibition of case of a failure by the people to elico the judge of the Superior court for the county shall appoint to fill the vacance notil an election can be regularly held. Now what does this mean? Let us suppose that a clerk duly cleeted and qual hed resigns within a year, after his term

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