

MOREHEAD'S ABLE SPEECH.

Made Upon Accepting the Position of State Chairman—Appeals for United Effort to Redeem the State.

Mr. Jno M. Morehead, in accepting the unanimous call of the Republican Convention to the State Chairmanship, said:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention:

I desire to express to the Convention my deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon me, and to say that the responsibilities devolving upon the position will be met to the best of my ability, with absolute honesty of purpose and with the sole end in view of making the party successful at the polls.

I am very much indebted to the gentleman who has just taken his seat for his very complimentary references.

Without assumption of mock-modesty and with all due allowance to what small modicum of truth his remarks, as applied to me personally may contain, I wish at the very outset of my remarks and upon the threshold of this campaign to take issue with my friend upon the premise that he lays down—namely, that I will be the one to lead the Republican Party to victory in November.

Gentlemen of the Convention, this is not a one man's campaign. It is a Republican party campaign, and every true and loyal Republican is not only a part and parcel of it, but a leader in it.

If successful, and successful we unquestionably will be, success can not be attained through the effort of any one individual, but by the united effort of every voter who has at heart the best interests of his party and State.

Upon you, gentlemen, here assembled, will fall the brunt of the work, and you will be entitled to the acclaim attendant upon a successful issue.

As Chairman of your Executive Committee, I promise to do my part towards accomplishing the result; and, gentlemen, if every man here will do his, the people will be certainly rebuke Democratic appeals to passion, to prejudice and to tradition as the sun is to set on next election day.

I believe the average citizen of our State is fair-minded and whatever be his political creed, he wants fair play and an open fight. It is upon this innate characteristic of our people that, in my judgment, rests our strong hope and prospect of Republican success.

When a party, through its partisan and violent press and by the mouth of its public speakers, forsakes all argument as to the merits of political issues and problems before the public; when a party casts all legitimate discussion of questions involving great National issues to the four winds of heaven and places its sole reliance upon wanton attack of all individuals and public officials who dare differ with it; when a party's success depends, not upon the right solution of great economic problems vital to the State and Nation, but upon the success of its malicious appeals to prejudice and venom, that party is on the rocks and its days are surely numbered. "Weighed in the balance and found wanting" has been writ upon the wall and the hour has struck.

Gentlemen, it is an absolute fact that so far as my reading of the Democratic press and Democratic speeches go, they practically, without exception, present no argument whatever upon the subject in hand, but they are, nine times out of ten—ninety times out of a hundred—either based upon "what happened after the war," or they are malicious and gratuitous personal reflections upon some individual of the opposite political faith.

Now, gentlemen, I would not, nor is there a man within the sound of my voice who would detract one iota from the glorious record of our State and its men, from Mecklenburg's Declaration down to Appomattox. They discharged more than their full duty. They were heroes.

But, gentlemen, these are not the days of King George the Third, nor are they the days of Appomattox. We played our part and played it well upon those occasions, but, my friends, I submit to the citizenship of this grand old Commonwealth that we are not living in the times of George the Third nor the times of Appomattox. We are living in TODAY.

History proclaims that our obligations to past conditions were met like men and discharged to the eternal credit of our State.

Gentlemen, obligations rest upon the citizenship of North Carolina today, differing in kind with those past, but none the less important.

One of these obligations is to throw off the thralldom of tradition, and to live in the present; to rebuke appeal to prejudice and passion, and it is my firm conviction that at the approaching election the manhood of North Carolina will say to Democracy that if you ask our suffrage on no more legitimate basis than these appeals, we have done with you.

This is neither the time nor the place to discuss the material advantages accruing to our State by such action on the part of the electorate. That they will be wellnigh impossible to overestimate is the opinion of practically every man who has measured the effect of independence in politics on State welfare; and that



HON. THURSTON T. HICKS

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF JUSTICE—RECORD UNIMPEACHABLE—GAINED FIRST GREAT VICTORY TWENTY YEARS AGO—HAS SINCE BEEN A POWER BEFORE THE COURTS.

The Republican party of North Carolina, in convention assembled on August 10, 1910, presented to the people Thurston T. Hicks, of Vance County, as candidate for Chief Justice of North Carolina.

Mr. Hicks and his brothers and sisters still own the farm granted by the Earl of Granville to their great-grandfather in the year 1749. On that farm he was born and reared to manhood. Since that time he has devoted himself to the study and practice of law. "This one thing" he has done.

In his profession he has been successful and has acquired a good name for promptness, diligence and integrity. He has had a fine practice for many years in Vance and the three adjoining counties. Wherever he is known he possesses the confidence of the people.

Mr. Hicks gained his first important case about twenty years ago when in the case of Burgwn vs. Hall it was held by the Supreme Court that a person in custody for default of bail in a civil action could be discharged as an insolvent before judgment, this completing the application of the principle first adopted and applied in the constitution of 1886, the abolition of imprisonment for debt in North Carolina.

In the case prosecuted by him for the Republican board of education of Vance county in 1897, he succeeded in maintaining the interpretation of act 9, section 5 of the constitution, that fines imposed by mayors, police courts and other criminal tribunals of all the towns and cities of the state belongs to the county school fund, and not to the towns and cities. (See 126 N. C., 689.) The towns and cities had been collecting and using these fines for more than 25 years, but by reason of this case, since the year 1897, and for all time to come, unless the constitution shall be changed, all fines imposed for violation of the law are and will be used to educate and teach them to obey the law. The results of this decision in dollars and in good to the State are beyond calculation. It increased the school fund millions of dollars.

His standing with his brethren of the legal profession has always been good. He was present at the organ-

ization of the North Carolina Bar Association and has taken a lively interest in all its proceedings. His address before that body in 1909, by invitation of its executive committee, on the life and times of Sir Edward Coke, was greatly enjoyed by the lawyers and much complimented by the leaders of the profession. He was chairman of the committee and reported to the association the bill since enacted into law, providing for the disbarment of dishonorable attorneys.

When, more than ten years ago, Mr. Hicks interpreted his duty as requiring him to support the principles and policies of the Republican party, he announced publicly that his motives were unselfish, and that as he had not sought political office or honors in the Democratic party, he would not seek them in the Republican party. In that also he has "kept the faith."

Readers of Republican papers and literature for the last ten years will recall how intelligently and forcefully he has advocated Republican principles and policies in each campaign and urged their support by the citizens, not as a means of personal advancement, but as a duty to the State and country. And they will remember also how earnestly he has insisted in each campaign and on the proper occasion with tongue and pen that the same degree of honesty must be exercised in the discharge of the duties of public office and in the conduct of election as in the private affairs of the Christian citizen.

The present high honor came to him without suggestion or solicitation from him or from anyone for him. And, while he felt that he should not seek great honors, he also thought that he should not reject them when tendered.

His friends, without regard to party, from their knowledge of his habit of life as an indefatigable and enthusiastic worker, his clear and forcible literary style, his incisive mind, his legal learning, his high character and his well developed sense of what is right and what is wrong, have an abiding confidence that he will be a successful searcher for truth in causes that may be brought to him for judgment in the great office for which he has been nominated.

position does not embody the idea that the position is to be used for the rewarding of friends or the punishment of foes. That it does not carry with it the dictation of who shall or shall not fill certain offices.

As long as there are offices to be filled and the Administration is Republican, these offices will be filled by Republicans; but I deem it absolutely inseparable from party growth and success, vitally essential thereto and the very essence of Republicanism, that these local offices be filled by Republicans on the spot and who are accordingly most interested and who have most at stake in the selection of their local appointees.

That will be the basis and foundation of any action taken by me in regard to office; and, while on the subject of office, I wish to say that in my judgment it is not within the province of the chairman to inject the party organization into the local affairs of a District represented by a Republican Congressman.

that Republicanism is not altogether synonymous with Federal office.

It involves the showing of the State that that taunt and sting is but the disappointed yelp of Democracy, and that it but voices the chagrin of a party hopelessly a National minority.

It involves the demonstration that Republicanism means loyalty to and active interest in those principles which have made us the greatest nation on earth.

That the success of Republicanism means that we of the South will no longer be set apart in the councils of the Nation by both parties as underserving consideration because we always belong to the one and are always antagonistic to the other.

That Republicanism means patriotism.

That Republicanism means progress, and that successful Republicanism means the regaining of the South's lost voice in National affairs.

Now, gentlemen, just a word in conclusion. I have endeavored to briefly outline my conception of the duties devolving upon your chairman. I most sincerely hope that my remarks meet with your approval. I can assure you that, so far as they refer to personal acts of mine as the chairman, they can be accepted absolutely at par value, with or without approval.

We have had a hard fight in our own ranks, but that is past. I desire to say here and now, in behalf of my friends and for myself, that if those gentlemen of the opposition will accept the olive-branch as freely and in the same spirit and to the same end as it is extended, no power on earth can keep this State under the dominion of Democracy.

Let us forget our factions and dissensions and present a solid front to the opposition.

We are equipped with principles based on the eternal right. They are equipped with principles so chaotic as to be unworthy of the name, and their main reliance is to awaken and control the passion of men by untruthful, illogical and unmanly appeal, and a party with such a basis will inevitably work its own destruction.

Our State Convention is drawing to an end. Let the gavel of adjournment fall upon a unified and solidified Republican party, whose mission is to fight for the eternal right as we see it, and the outcome can be left with absolute security to the intelligence of North Carolina, as expressed at the polls.

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What a Democratic Paper Voluntarily Has to Say of the Republican Nominee for Chief Justice.

[The Henderson Gold Leaf, a Democratic paper edited by Thad R. Manning, has the following to say of Hon. T. T. Hicks, the Republican nominee for Chief Justice. The Caucasian takes pleasure in reproducing the same.—Local Editor.]

The nomination of our townsman, T. T. Hicks, by the Republican State Convention for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, is a compliment of which not only that gentleman, but his friends here at home and elsewhere, should feel very proud. It is a very high office for which he has been named, and the vote was altogether complimentary to him.

For the same honorable position the names of such men as Hon. Robt. M. Douglass, one time Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and Hon. William P. Bynum, former Judge of the Superior Court, were presented. The vote, as published last week in this paper, was 481 for Hicks, 337 for Douglas, and 248 for Bynum, on the first ballot. Judge Bynum's name being withdrawn, the second ballot resulted in the nomination of Mr. Hicks by a vote of 671 against 420 for Judge Douglas.

Mr. Hicks was not a candidate and the vote he received under the circumstances, with such a formidable competition pitted against him, is all the more complimentary and creditable. When his name was mentioned he discouraged the idea and declared that there were others whose claims should be considered ahead of his. He did not aspire to the place; all he wanted was to be a humble worker in the ranks. But the convention would have it otherwise. They wanted Hicks to head the ticket, and Hicks they made it.

The honor may be an empty one, but it is an honor none the less to be singled out from among all the able and distinguished men who hold allegiance to the Republican party of North Carolina for the high office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Nor is this the only recognition that the high character and marked ability of our townsman has received. When a successor to the late Judge Purnell was to be appointed for the Federal Court of the Eastern District of North Carolina, the name of Mr. Hicks was among the most prominent of those that were urged—and some of his strongest endorsements came from persons outside of his own party. Although he did not get the appointment, these letters and endorsements, coming as they did from some of the very best men in the State without regard to political bias, are in themselves something to be proud of, and the honor that has been conferred upon him in being nominated by his party for the great office of Chief Justice—the confidence and esteem reposed in his ability and integrity—is a heritage that he

can leave to his posterity of greater value than holding office or the possession of vast riches.

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