

# LIFE HISTORY OF JUDGE L. E. HALL

**Gubernatorial Candidate Is Son of Morehouse Parish Farmer—Great Ability as a Lawyer—Worked His Way Up From Humble Surroundings and Is a Self-Made Man.**

Judge L. E. Hall is the son of a Morehouse Parish farmer. He attended the public schools in Bastrop and then the old Academic Department of the Tulane University. Between sessions he worked in the fields with his father, who despised idling and idlers, and kept his children busy as the best discipline for them. Then he went to Washington and Lee University, in Virginia, where

ent. At the early age of 30 he was made district judge. At the age of 31 he was re-elected. Four years later, a new court of appeals having been created in his district, he was elected to sit on that bench, though bitterly opposed by the regular organization. In 1910 he aspired to succeed Judge Land on the supreme court and after a hard race he was elected an associate justice of the



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he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1899, was Valedictorian of his class, and elected to a scholarship for graduate work.

Back in Bastrop he found that he could add to the family's income and study law at the same time if he secured a place as teacher in the Bastrop school. He had little trouble in getting it.

Quiet, studious, wanting no time in frivolities, he had cultivated the friendship of older men rather than boys of his own age. At the end of a session in the Bastrop High School he worked the farm with his father and read law at night. When autumn came the farm bore a big crop and he went to New Orleans to enter Tulane Law School, where he finished in law in 1901.

Very early in his legal career his ability as a great lawyer was appar-

ent. The term to which he was elected does not begin until the spring of 1912 and he has not therefore taken his seat. He is now holding no office, having resigned from the judgeship of the court of appeals.

When the conference of the Good Government League met in New Orleans, June 21st, representing 50 parishes and embracing upward of 900 delegates, they unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Judge Hall for governor, considering him the best man in the race to lead the opposition to ring rule to victory.

Judge Hall is in the prime of life. He is a sincere man, endowed with all the qualities necessary to give Louisiana a splendid administration, and if elected will restore the government of the state to the hands of the people.

## THE MAN WHO SACRIFICES IS THE TRUE LEADER.

Suppose you were a man who had no worldly goods to speak of. That you had started with nothing, and had to labor hard for a bare support, and later on by your abilities had risen above in the world, but had not been able from your earnings to more than maintain your family, and had therefore laid by little or nothing for a rainy day.

Suppose then that by a stroke of good fortune you had been suddenly elevated to a position where you were sure of an income for 12 years which would not only sustain your family comfortably but enable you to lay aside two or three thousand dollars per annum. Suppose further, that there was a reasonable certainty that you could by strict performance of your duty, not only get that 12 years income, but 12 years more after that on the same terms, thus insuring a good living for 24 years and a competency for yourself and family for the rest of your life. Let us suppose again that this new station in life was one fully in accord with your ambition and in line with your studies and that it brought to you the very highest honor with it as well as these emoluments.

Being in such a position, would you willingly give it up and accept another for less salary that lasted only one-third as long?

When even the highest grade man is put to such a test, the great law of self-preservation cries out against him. His love of family stands in the way. None of us love poverty. None of us like to forego wealth within our grasp.

But few of us would turn our backs upon affluence and choose the bare bread away from us at the call of the

country when passions are aroused and men's minds are in a feverish condition. In times of such a nature the people will select a man for governor who has shown such a noble sense of obligation to the state.

country without which human freedom could not survive. It is shown in the patriot who is ready to make sacrifices in times of peace for his people. It is shown in the man who rises to a sense of civic duty, who is ready to sacrifice self interest for the public welfare when no martial strains are urging him on, and when the pomp and glory of war are not there to stir his soul.

Let us see what Luther E. Hall did in the very position we have supposed.

He had been elected to a vacancy on the supreme bench of Louisiana for a term of 12 years to begin next spring. The salary is \$6,000 a year, making the income \$72,000.

He was sought out by a number of prominent citizens and asked to consent to take up the cause of reform in the state, and became a candidate for governor at a salary of \$5,000, with a four-year term.

This meant that he was to give up the 12-year term and the \$72,000 emoluments if the people desired him to serve them as governor for four years at a salary of \$5,000. The constitution prohibits him from serving as governor more than one term. He could stand for re-election on the bench for a second or even a third term.

And Hall replied that he would take up the cause of the people, that he would make the great sacrifice if Louisiana called him to it.

He has taken up that cause willingly and manfully and since last July has been campaigning throughout the state, discussing the issues before the voters of Louisiana. He has subjected himself to the abuse and slanders of the opposition. He has been maligned and misrepresented on all sides, but has bent his course and demonstrated the fact that the people want him in the executive chair.

He has done his whole duty in this as he has in all public stations to which he has been elected, and the people will recognize their opportunity to select a man for governor who has shown such a noble sense of obligation to the state.

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