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LUTHER E. HALL.

L. E. Hall is no more. The sudden death of the former Governor was a distinct shock to every Louisianian, and friend and foe paused in meditation at the swiftness of the grim specter of death. Governor Hall died suddenly of heart failure at his residence in New Orleans Sunday night at ten o'clock.

With his passing, one of the most tangled legal and political questions that ever confronted Louisiana, is probably brought to a close. Running second in a recent primary for the Monroe succession on the Supreme Court bench, Governor Hall contested the election of Judge Godchaux and was sustained by the higher Court, but the same organ did not decree Judge Hall, the Democratic nominee. However the Executive Committee of the State Central Committee did declare Judge Hall the nominee and ordered his name to appear on the ballot. Mr. Rosen, a subsequent aspirant for the succession was attempting to enjoin the Secretary of State from printing Judge Hall's name on the ballot as the Democratic nominee and it was at this stage of the contest that Judge Hall was stricken.

For ten years Judge Hall has been almost the vortex of every political battle in Louisiana. A man of outstanding ability and with a legal and judicial mind that has seldom been equaled, and after having just been elected to a twelve year term on the Supreme Court bench from a North Louisiana District, Judge Hall was importuned in 1911 by the present Governor John M. Parker to head the reform or Good Government League ticket as their candidate for Governor. Judge Hall did not care for the Governorship but permitted himself to be lured away from his life's ambition to enter the broil of common politics, and was elected Governor.

The short period of Judge Hall's public career, brings out in bold relief, the fickleness, the cheapness and littleness of politics and the inconsistency of some of the New Orleans press. During his gubernatorial campaign and as governor he was ardently championed as a deliverer by the Item, the Times-Picayune, Mr. Parker and others, although Mr. Parker soon left his ship after his inauguration. When Judge Hall aspired for other things after his term of office, these papers who had so loudly championed his cause, dropped him and opposed him. The States which assaulted him at every turn, later flattered with him and finally lauded him. To the man in every day life, this is sickening. Judge Hall was the same man in the recent contest that he was in 1912. He had in 1921 the same attributes and same weaknesses that he had in 1912, then why the somersault of his former friends and foes. Political exigencies and politics indeed make strange bed-fellows.

This was strikingly illustrated in the recent contest, which his death closed. He was aspiring to place on the same bench he gave up to run for governor. No one questions—in fact friend and foe alike, irrespective as to whether he made a good executive or not, admit freely that he was a most eminent jurist with an extraordinary bright legal mind. Yet the Item and Picayune opposed him, the Item savagely up to the very day of his death. And behold: One day after his death, the Item admits editorially that Judge Hall possessed

in a most remarkable degree the qualities and attributes of an able jurist. Why the wild hysteria and opposition to a man which they admit was most eminently qualified?

We do not state the above, as expressing our choice, for the contest was one which did not concern us, as it was in another District, but the incidents of this man's life shows why so many good men refuse to enter public life. We cannot understand why a man can be made fish of to-day and flesh of tomorrow.

TRIAL OF THE FOUR ACCUSED OF CRIME ON REV. ROBERTS.

The criminal docket of the District Court of this Parish, presided over by Judge James Simon will convene into session on November 22d when all misdemeanors will be tried. This necessarily brings before that tribunal the trial of Albert Landry, Tertule Myer, Edva Meyer and Edgar Bouitte for the attempted assault on Rev. Roberts of this City. The accused after being convicted in the City Court immediately took an appeal to the higher Court and were allowed the privilege of furnishing a bond by Judge Power. From what we can ascertain they have employed as counsel to represent them Mr. Kennedy of Lafayette. At least this is the general rumor on the streets of this City. District Attorney Vuillemot and Judge Simon are both anxious to dispose of this case and other misdemeanors with which parties are charged. The trial will necessarily mean that all of the witnesses will be called upon again to testify and no doubt the same interest will be manifested by the public as they took in the case when the parties were hauled before the City Court of New Iberia.

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These bonds had been submitted to bond purchasers several times recently, but the propositions received did not justify our Parish officials in letting them go at a sacrifice.

ROBERT J. CAREY.

Died, at his home in New Orleans on Sunday, Nov. 6th, 1921 at 9 A. M., Mr. Robert J. Carey, father of our fellow-citizen, Mr. Thos. T. Carey. Mr. Carey was well known here, having visited his family here on several occasions in recent years. On Saturday, the day previous to his sudden death he partook of his usual morning coffee and was stricken with apoplexy, falling into the arms of his devoted wife. Deceased never regained consciousness and expired the following day. He had reached the age of 67 years and was engaged in the sugar and rice business in that city. The funeral services were conducted from St. Mary's Assumption church and the remains interred in the family tomb in Metairie cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Ellen Lydia Connelly and three sons and three daughters, Major W. H. C. Carey, U. S. Aviation Corps; Samuel R. Carey, New Orleans; Thos. T. Carey, New Iberia; Mrs. Leo Ingram, New Orleans; Mrs. A. G. Rowan and Mrs. Walter Gabosch of New Orleans. He was a member of the Pickwick Club and the Chess, Checker and Whist Club of that city and enjoyed the esteem of some of New Orleans' most influential citizens.

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The general license measure was finally passed by the Louisiana House after a tax on cotton futures had been inserted.

Official Washington bowed in silent homage as the body of the unknown American hero arrived and was placed in the Capitol.

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FACTORY TAX BILL CONSIDERED DEAD.

As a result of an insistent campaign by the Manufacturers' Bureau of the Association of Commerce against the passage of Section 4 of House bill No. 152, relative to a license tax, that part of the bill will not be reintroduced in the State Legislature, according to A. H. Scaward, president of the Manufacturers' Bureau.

After having been passed by the ways and means committee recently, the license tax was defeated by a vote of 48 to 32 in the Legislature, and a campaign was started by the Manufacturers' Bureau against its introduction again.

The bill was defeated, it was said, through the co-operation of the Louisiana Manufacturing Association, which aroused sentiment against it in all parts of the state. It was pointed out by the Manufacturers' Bureau that passage of the bill would discourage manufacturing in Louisiana, inasmuch as the license tax is a law in no other state except in Delaware.

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