

Champion of Political Honesty

John Franklin Fort, New Jersey's Governor, Who Is a Strong Believer in the Sacredness of the Law and in Its Enforcement—How He Rid Long Branch Gamblers—Self Made Man Who Means What He Says and Does It.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON.

I was trying to describe in a word the most distinctive trait of John Franklin Fort, governor of New Jersey. I should say it is political honesty. He believes that a law is on the statute book to be enforced; that a promise is in a party platform to be kept.

On the inside it is said that if President Roosevelt and President Eliot Taft had had their way that would now be the vice president elect in place of "Sammy Jim" Sherman of Utah, N. Y. Personally I wish that Roosevelt and Taft had won out in this matter, although it would have been a pity to waste as good a man as Fort on that job.

In a way Governor Fort is to New Jersey what Governor Hughes is to New York. The two are good friends and recently spent a day together in consultation. Hughes' anti-race track legislation is balanced by Fort's acts in driving gambling out of Long Branch when he was on the supreme bench and his threat as governor to call a special session of the legislature to deal with the case of the hotels and saloons of Atlantic City did not close the Sunday closing law. Both men advanced primary laws and the Massachusetts ballot, both are good lawyers and believe in high standards in politics, and both have

fact that he was for a loser. Fort held an important post in the national convention, that of chairman of the credentials committee.

Orator of National Repute.

Evidences of backbone accumulate. Twelve years have passed, and Mr. Fort is again a delegate in a national convention and once more the chairman of the committee on credentials. As such he prepares and delivers a scathing report recommending that Edward Addicks—"Gas" Addicks of Delaware—be fired out of the convention and out of the party. That was the McKinley year, and it was also Judge Fort's privilege to make the nominating speech for Garret A. Hobart for vice president. I do not know whether it was the speech that got Hobart the plum or not, but I have my suspicions. At any rate, the skinning of Addicks and the naming of Hobart brought Fort a national reputation as an orator.

Judge Fort is the author of the probation system in New Jersey, and the story of the manner in which he brought it about again reveals his courage. When he first proposed such a law he had trouble in finding a legislator who would stand for it. His own senator from Essex virtually refused to introduce the bill, but finally consented to put it in "by request."

places on Sundays and election days. The liquor interests, of course, opposed it, and the politicians advised Fort to sidestep the issue or go light on its enforcement, but that again was not his way. He came out flatfootedly for the law and made it one of the chief issues of his campaign.

And he meant it. He proved that after he was elected governor, Atlantic City found it out in a rather jarring manner. There Sunday closing is a joke, or was till Fort told them that if they did not obey the law he would call an extra session of the legislature and see what could be done about it. Then Atlantic City awakened to the quality of the man, as Long Branch had done before, and for the first time in her history actually closed her saloons on Sunday. The natives have not got over the wonder of the thing to this day.

More Than a Party Man.

That Fort has a real spinal column in place of the cartilage that too often does service for that important organ is revealed by other incidents of his career—for example, his fight against the bosses of his own party to bring about a better financial system for Newark or his opposing the wishes of the politicians by inaugurating civil service in the state. Manhood transcends partisanship. Courage and conviction are higher than politics. Governor Fort is a party man, but he is more. He is loyal to the organization, but does not consider that the organization consists alone of a few bosses. He is regular and yet, after his own ideals, is a reformer. The first article of his political creed is the sacredness of the law. The next is trust in his fellow man. I think I will have general assent in saying that John Franklin Fort is the Roosevelt and Taft leader in his state, and I have my own assent in adding that the nation will know him better before he quits politics.

It was one of the shiniest days of winter when I went to Trenton to interview Governor Fort. To heighten the interest of the occasion, the street car conductor, after the manner of his kind, carried me several blocks beyond my destination. When I got off to take a car back the street was full of raking water and melting snow, and as I picked my way to the curb I tried to imagine I was G. Washington crossing the ice decked Delaware to fight the battle of Trenton. Ever since that day I have had a more lively appreciation of Washington's feat. I wonder what the Father of His Country would do if he ran up against the legislative Hessians at Trenton now. And that recalls me from this digressive side path to Governor Fort, for that is just what Fort has to do.

Tall and Handsome.

I found the governor about the handsomest man I have run up against since the days when I used to play chess with Charlie Magoon out in Lincoln. Magoon wore a silk hat even in those days, as though he had a prophetic hunch that he would be his excellency of Panama and Cuba some day. I think Fort has it even over Magoon in the matter of looks. Indeed, in a job lot of governors he would have all the rest looking like cheap imitations. He is tall, but not too tall; fleshy, but not too fleshy; youthful looking for his years and yet redeemed from a too adolescent appearance by an iron gray close cropped mustache. His photographs are like him and yet fail to reveal the fine lines of his face. If I were ordering a governor to fill the ideal specifications at every point I do not see how I could much improve on Fort. True, he has not the exuberant whiskers of Hughes, but for that I can forgive him with my whole heart.

My talk with Governor Fort was not an interview, but a chat. I wanted to know the man, not to pump him or put words into his mouth. He said one thing, however, that caught me. It expressed his jubilant faith in Americanism and fundamental democracy. A Republican legislature had just elected Chamberlain, a Democrat senator from Oregon in obedience to a mandate from the people. To Fort this seemed a triumph of human honesty and popular government. He favored election of senators by the people. He believed, with De Toqueville, that the cure for the evils of democracy is more democracy. Put men on their honor. The masses have shown their capacity for orderly government. Trust them. These are but indications of what he really did say, but he got my goat right there. Indeed, he got it from his first frank look and hearty word. My heart is not a partisan, and it always did like teal men.

Public Speaker Early in Life. John Franklin Fort was born in 1852, when his uncle was governor. He comes from an old stock, there being in the family an old oak trunk dated "Roger Fort, 1690." It is plain that trunk was never subjected to the mercies of the modern baggage smasher. Young Fort graduated from Pennington seminary and intended to enter college, but financial reverses prevented. He taught instead and then went to Albany Law school, where he was a roommate of Judge Alton B. Parker. Returning to Jersey, he made speeches for Grant before he was of age. As a result, he was made assistant journal clerk in the legislature. Later he was admitted to the bar, stumped the state for George A. Halsey for governor, was appointed district judge by Governor George B. McClellan, a Democrat, presided over the convention that nominated General E. Bird Grant for governor and over that which named John W. Ozier for the same office, was made judge of common pleas in 1897 and four years later was elevated to the supreme bench.

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WIRELESS TRAIN IDEA

New Discovery Brings Dispatcher In Direct Touch With Engineer.

PREVENTIVE OF ACCIDENTS.

Union Pacific Railroad installing on Locomotives Device Expected to Obviate Danger of Nondelivery of Orders to Engineers on the Road.

The actual control of running trains by wireless telegraph took a step forward when the Union Pacific railroad recently equipped one of its locomotives with a wireless device by which a train dispatcher may sit at his desk and send an order right into the cab of any locomotive on the line of the road without "talking distance" of his machine, says the Washington Star. And, since "talking distance" is governed only by the strength of the current and can be lengthened at will, it will be seen that the new discovery of the railroad's wireless expert, Dr. Frederick Millner, will forever put an end to those accidents that have often resulted when some telegraph operator failed to deliver a train order which had been sent him.

In an emergency of this kind the train dispatcher will simply touch a telegraph key, and far on the overhauled line, in the cab of the locomotive which is in danger, a gong will begin ringing, and before the eyes of the engineer a red light will flash, while a miniature semaphore, painted red, will rise to the "danger" position, and both the engineer and fireman will know there is deadly peril ahead for themselves and their train.

As yet only one locomotive has been equipped with the wireless apparatus, but so well does this operate and so satisfactory is its work that it is only a question of a short time until every locomotive on the system is fitted with the safety device.

With wireless sending stations every hundred miles along the main line, Dr. Millner says the dispatchers will be in absolute touch with every engineer on the road at every minute and will be able to communicate with either should it become necessary to do so.

The instruments are simple and compact. The sending apparatus which is placed in the shops of the Union Pacific in Omaha occupies less space than any wireless sending apparatus ever built.

The current, generated by a dynamo in an interrupter at 220 volts and there is transformed and transferred into between 700,000 and 800,000 volts. Franklin plates are used as conductors. A Massey cooling device is used to keep the disruptive discharge points cool. In the tuning coil the alternating current is changed into a high voltage oscillating alternating current, from which it is conducted to ground and anchor cap and thence to the antenna, where it is discharged into the air.

The antenna on the cab of the locomotive picks up the current, carries it down into the cab and into the receiving instruments within a brass box not unlike a fire alarm box. On the front of this box is the big gong, whose ringing can be heard above any noise that can be made by the locomotive.

Just above this gong and on the face of the box are the little red semaphore and the red danger signal, and when the gong sounds the semaphore goes to "danger" and the red light flashes.

DEFENSE OF "NICKLETS."

Improve, Don't Abolish. Five Cent Theaters, Says Chicago Pastor.

In reference to the present agitation concerning the conduct of five cent theaters, or "nicklets," as they are widely known, the Rev. A. E. Bartlett of Chicago presents the view that the entertainments should be improved rather than abolished.

"Amusements have no character in of themselves," he says. "They are good or bad as the people make them so. It is both unjust and unwise to condemn outright dancing, card playing and theater going. All wholesome amusements are needed, but instead of trying to abolish them the church should seek to purify and uplift them. The five-cent theater has become one of the great problems in recreation which our city must solve. Its low price has enabled it to reach the multitudes, including many children. Our city needs these cheap amusements, but it does not need nor should it suffer coarse and unclean entertainments."

Funeral of Puritan Days. A Puritan day funeral took place recently at North Kingston, R. I., when the body of John S. Smith, former town councilman, was carried to a grave on his farm in an old fashioned wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen and followed by a procession of several hundred mourners. The ancient customs were followed at the dying request of Mr. Smith. He was eighty years of age. For many years he had worn clothing patterned after Puritan styles.

Trio of World Powers Predicted. "It will not be many years until China controls Asia, Germany dominates over Europe, and the United States, my beloved country, dominates the two Americas." Returning to this country after an absence of nine years, during which he has become one of the most prominent figures in the musical circles of Europe, Louis Lombard made the above prediction at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, New York.

"Root" McClute Is Fined For Not Having License. "Root" McClute, the young man of Portland, who was arrested here last week for walking into the Lent confectionery store and helping himself to the money bag was fined \$5 for not having a pedler's license and after paying the required sum was given his freedom, and forced to leave town.

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WAR ON MUSHROOM HATS.

Wounded Victims Form Anti "Merry Widow" Hat League.

Younger officers of the United States navy who are regularly invited to the debutantes' teas in Washington say they are going to form an anti mushroom "Merry Widow" hat league or wear baseball caps in the future.

It appears that the so-called "pink teas" are sometimes positively dangerous if either Miss Newberry, daughter of the secretary of the navy; Miss Olga Converse, the Misses Fremont, the Misses Goodwin or any of the other navy girls turn around too abruptly when naval officers or others of their admirers get among them and come within range of their hats.

These large hats of the mushroom "Merry Widow" species are sometimes as sharp on the edges as if they had been specially striped and, in addition, generally have staunch, sharp pointed feathers which protrude and could inflict mortal damage if properly aimed. No one accuses the navy girls of attempting to do damage with these weapons, but the fact remains that there are several of the younger officers who have received painful glancing blows from the hats, but have been too gallant to complain. They are always reminded of the man who recently had his jugular vein severed by a blow from a "Merry Widow" hat.

"The way the damage is done," one of the navy girls' admirers said, "is generally in this fashion: You go to a tea and, after slinking hands in the drawing room, approach several of the young navy damsels all in a group and talking vivaciously. You approach cautiously and begin the recital of some carefully prepared speech about the weather to Miss Converse. At the sound of your voice Miss Newberry or Miss Fremont or some other navy girl turns her head quickly your way and delivers you somewhere about the face a stinging blow with the edge of her hat and the sharp pointed feathers. Of course you suffer in silence, like a man, but you silently pray for the day when softer or smaller hats will be in style."

WAISTCOAT FOR EACH DAY.

For Wednesday Diamond Shaped Flaps and Buttons, Freshies For Monday.

The Merchant Tailors' National Protective association will in sixth annual convention at Chicago was engaged in fixing the 1909 standards of style in men's garments.

The Charley boy who follows the fashion plates must have a different, specified waistcoat for each day of the week and will have to know his calendar like a priest. The nicest waistcoat is designed for Wednesday. It has flap diamond shaped and diamond shaped buttons, pockets with diamond patches, and with it must be worn a diamond pin with a cravat in diamond stripes. Monday the dotted waistcoat, flecked with spots varying in size from a ten cent piece to a silver dollar and out in curves, must be worn.

Thursday the waistcoat must have strongly pronounced stripes running straight down from shoulder to hips; Friday, stripes running vertically and horizontally; Saturday, stripes running along the chain lightning, down into one's pockets and over his belt.

The favorite shirt in the spring will be in tan and pink with broad stripes. The cravat will be brilliant red and the hat green. Shoes will follow the lead-set by women. Most of the tops will be of gray suede over black patent leather or varnished calfskin. Cloth tops will also be seen on the best promenades.

The double breasted frock coat is superseded by the single breasted with a dip front, called the new "American walking suit," to be worn at all most any time and anywhere except at night.

TEAMSTER ETIQUETTE.

Chicago to Have a School to Make Drivers Chesterfield.

A school of etiquette for teamsters is to be established in Chicago, with John T. Stockton, known as the Chesterfield of the teaming industry, as instructor. In a dispute at a freight house over precedence, according to the new authority, the "language" must be after the following model: "Pardon me, Mike, but I believe I have the right of way. If you will permit me to suggest that under rule 23 of the revised code of 'Manners and Morals for Teamsters' my claim has precedence."

"All right, old man; back up. You've won."

The Airfarin Pirate's Tale. "I utter fly in a pirat ship," says the airfarin' rat, says he. "She was manned by the bloodiest airtymen, she'd six wings on her starboard side, if I rightly recollect, and I was the cap'n of the craft, and I walked the paratuche deck."

"We boarded a ship a mile above the top of old Pike's peak, and they waiked the plank to bloodysawed to squeak. We found six million tons aboard, and I scolded 'em then and there in the midst of a big black flood that hung like an island in the air."

"The very next week our pirat ship hit the Flatiron building shoal, and grabbin' a paratuche saved me, but I was the only soul left. Since then I've been a driftin' round, a-hoppin' to strike that cloud where I hid the gold in the strenuous days of the airship pirat crew."

"But the cloud ain't near Pike's peak no more, but it's driftin' round the earth, and it's leadin' me a merry chase, and I'm losin' weight and girth. So take the advice of an airship rat unless off a free floatin' cloud. Don't hide yer gold upon a cloud unless it is anchored tight."

—Arthur Chapman in Denver Republican.

Canby and Southern Clackamas

CANBY.

The Humane Society would do well to make a trip to Canby once in a while, and especially look into the way the Italians are using their horses to haul wood. It is a shame the way these horses are being used in a civilized community.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Radford, of White Salmon, Wash., spent a few days visiting in Canby. Mr. Radford is in the creamery business at that place.

Mrs. Mamie Knight is confined to her bed with the grip.

Mrs. Bob Gittings, of Salem, spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Ecles.

C. H. Wilcox spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. E. Hampton.

H. K. Stogdill went to Oregon City Sunday.

Tillie Hurias spent Sunday with her parents.

Leslie Burdette spent Sunday with his parents.

Charles Lucke made a business trip to Oregon City Monday.

Carl Lucke was in Woodburn on Friday and Saturday, where he went on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rydman were Woodburn visitors on Sunday.

M. Digerness went to Portland on Sunday.

Miss Swaenby has resigned her position as teacher in the Canby public school. The vacancy caused by her resignation has been filled by Miss Lulu Mann, of Hillsboro.

Orsen Parsons, who purchased the property of Mr. Kallibehel, moved from Portland last Thursday and has taken possession of his new home.

S. H. Reese purchased the farm of Oscar Sannes last Friday. Mr. Reese also purchased an acre tract of Carl Nelson.

Howard Eccles went to Oregon City on business Saturday. He was on the board of examination in Oregon City.

James Adkins and Charles Edwards went to Portland Saturday. Mr. Edwards has accepted a position as planer man for the Adkins Lumber Co. and will move to this city from Portland.

J. W. Lieser, was a Portland visitor on Saturday, returning Monday.

Mrs. Cora Walker is visiting with Mrs. Frank Zollner.

Sam Casto made a trip to Portland Tuesday for the purpose of bringing some horses here that were shipped from San Francisco.

Roland Porter went to Salem Tuesday to bring a pace to Canby for Mr. Lindsay, the horseman, who has many of his race horses here in training on the race track at the county fair grounds.

M. E. Lee of Portland was in Canby Saturday.

Blaire White was in Oregon City Sunday.

C. W. Capron, of Pe Ell, Wash., and Harry McCormick, of Portland, were in Canby on business Thursday night and Friday of last week.

E. I. Sias and wife will leave for Portland on Friday, where they will make their future home. Mr. Sias having sold his business here.

Mrs. Cassie Evans has re-opened her boarding house near the depot, where she will be pleased to see her old patrons. Mrs. Evans has established a reputation of serving good home cooking.

R. W. Zimmerman, of Marks Prairie, was in Canby Saturday.

MELDRUM.

Mr. Moran is building a nice residence near here.

Miss Abbie Gardner went to Tillamook to attend an entertainment Saturday evening.

Mrs. Britton, who was expected to arrive home from a visit in California, is still in California where she has been for three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Picher were visiting at Mrs. L. B. Miller's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Steel and daughter, Lillian, were visiting Judge Meldrum Sunday.

George Yale has his place for sale. Mrs. Seeley has been on the sick list this week.

Jack, the Peeser, hasn't visited Meldrum yet.

Mrs. G. Sanderson and daughter, Blanche, of St. John, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gardner Sunday.

Mrs. William Gardner has been ill this week.

The railroad company is clearing up the right of way.

Mrs. Emma and Mrs. Terry were visiting Wednesday.

J. Turner, of St. John, was visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gardner, Wednesday.

Bad boys will not jump over your fence if barbed wire is stretched over the top. Frank Hinch is selling a new kind of wire 2500 feet covering capacity to one hundred pounds.

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Photographer CANBY, OREGON.

FORESTERS ENTERTAIN.

Programme and Banquet Given at Knapp's Hall.

The Foresters entertained at the Knapp hall last night by giving a literary and musical programme, which was followed by dancing. A most enjoyable evening was spent by the large crowd attending.

The following programme was given: Opening address, Mr. Broughter; duet, Miss Florence Price and Milton Price; orchestra, Patterson Brothers; address Hon. G. B. Dimick; recitation, Mrs. E. Hammerle; orchestra, address, Judge Ditchburn; dialogue, Mrs. J. H. Evans, Melbourn Evans, Mrs. Shortledge, Miss Mary Burgess; musical selection, Oliver Sisters; club singing, Robert Warner; vocal solo, Roy Woodward; orchestra.

GREAT SACHEN MAKES VISIT.

J. H. Fitzgerald and Judge G. B. Dimick Give Talks at Potlach.

J. H. Fitzgerald, Great Sachem of the Improved Order of Redmen, made a fraternal visit to Wacheno Tribe No. 13, of this city, Tuesday night, and gave an excellent talk to the braves on the work of the order. Mr. Fitzgerald paid high praise to the tribe on the healthy condition of the wampum belt and increase in numbers. He was followed by Judge G. B. Dimick, whose remarks were highly appreciated by the members. Following the business meeting the tribe enjoyed a repast of corn and venison, during which time many toasts were given.

Broken Fetters Presented at Logan to Large House.

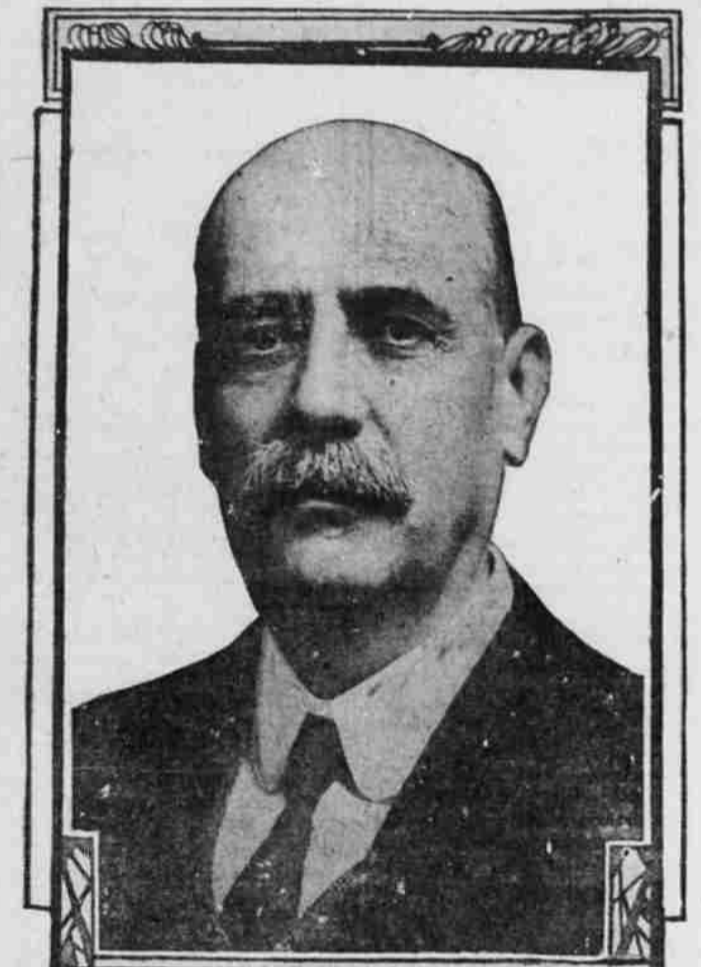
The young people of Parkplace who presented "Broken Fetters" for the benefit of the Congregational church, at the Parkplace school recently, went to Logan on Saturday evening, where the play was given before a large and appreciative audience. About 15 went from Parkplace. During the performance at Logan several selections were given by a quintette composed of Bert Clyde, Fred Bailey, Stanford Moore, Clarence Bruner and F. E. Lucas, with Miss Myrtle Holmes as accompanist. A neat sum was raised at the entertainment at Logan, and this will be added to the church fund at Parkplace.

The party went to Logan in a wagon and enjoyed a supper on their return trip.

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JOHN FRANKLIN FORT.

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Paid Back Every Cent.

There are a few instances in the career of Governor Fort that illustrate the quality of the man. The first occurred just after he was out of law school. His father had advanced money for young Fort's education, but the boy did not rest until out of his first earnings he paid back every cent.

The second incident occurred when the young man was choosing a career. He is not the first New Jersey governor in the Fort family, his uncle, George L. Fort, having held that excited office back in the fifties. When advising with the old gentleman about the way to grab the success fruit of the political tree the original Governor Fort advised his nephew to move to Jersey City and become a Democrat, as that was the only party through which he could hope for preferment. To this the young man demurred. He did not object to Jersey City, but he was a Republican and would not change his coat for an office.

The third characteristic event was pulled off many years later. In the meantime John Franklin Fort had been doing things, had served a long time as district judge, was a leader at the bar and a political orator recognized by his party. In 1885, and his friends wanted him to be a delegate at large to the national convention. There was an obstacle in the way. He was for Edmunds for president, while New Jersey had declared for Blaine. He stood by his guns and made a speech for Edmunds in the state convention. It must have been a good speech, for he was elected delegate at large despite his Edmunds proclivities. In that same year Theodore Roosevelt was a delegate at large from the state of New York and was also for Edmunds, who had a few other votes—very few. Despite the

Judge Fort requested a hearing before the legislature and presented the case so cogently that the bill passed both houses by practically a unanimous vote. So popular was the measure that whenever the senator from Essex thought of that "by request" he went into a secluded spot and kicked himself. The probation system puts men sentenced to prison on their honor and allows them to remain at large during good behavior. It sounds well in theory and has worked in practice.

Rid Long Branch of Gamblers.

Driving the gamblers out of Long Branch is another case in point. Everybody said it could not be done. The gamblers had large amounts invested, ran some of the most notorious joints around New York, were entrenched in power and controlled politics. Justice Fort had nothing on his side but the law and the fact. He held the grand jury in continuous session, indicted the light fingered gentlemen, convinced them that he meant business, then told them to leave the state and if they ever came back he would send them to state prison. They went and did not return.

Fort was still on the supreme bench when he was nominated for governor. The politicians wanted him to continue holding the office after his nomination, offering many precedents for such a course. But that was not Fort's way. While going to the convention that had just named him for governor he met Governor Stokes on the stairs leading to the hall, handed in his resignation as justice, then mounted the platform and accepted the nomination.

Just there occurred another incident that showed the timbre of the man. The bishops' law was then a lively issue in Jersey politics. That law provides for the removal of window screens and other obstructions to vision from all saloons and drinking

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