

# PORTER NEFF PRAISES RAND AND THOMAS

### Radio Used By A Local Attorney For Campaign Support of Judge C. M. Thomas And Justice Rand.

Attorney Porter J. Neff, long prominent in Democratic circles of Jackson county, in an address over KMLD last night, spoke in high praise of Charles M. Thomas, circuit judge, seeking re-election upon the Republican ticket. Attorney Neff also spoke in behalf of John L. Rand, chief justice of the state supreme court, and declared

that in view of the "bitter attack on both the jurists," any course of fair play does not permit me to remain silent. Six years ago Attorney Neff spoke against the election of Judge Thomas. Attorney Neff urged the removal of the judiciary from politics and his address was heard by scores of Rogue River valley radio fans. His speech is put follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am feeling my Democratic proclivities more strongly this year than I have for a long time. In the first place, I have a profound respect and admiration for the presidential nominee of the Democratic party. In my judgment he is endowed with a great intellect and a great heart. And in the second place, the intoxicating liquor means to me personally just nothing at all. I do have prohibition as an abolitionist, anti-slavery.

First Time

Nevertheless for the first time in my life I find myself speaking under the auspices of the Republican party on behalf of two of its candidates. Two considerations, I believe, justify me in this course. In the first place I believe that the judiciary should be above party politics. It is of supreme importance that the judge on the bench know neither Republicans nor Democrats and the best way of

insuring such a situation is for the voter when he casts his ballot for a judge to know neither Republican nor Democrat. The two men on behalf of whom I now speak are candidates for the judiciary. Honorable John L. Rand, present chief justice of the supreme court of Oregon, and a candidate for re-election, and Honorable C. M. Thomas, present circuit judge of this district, and also a candidate for re-election. In the second place, in my opinion both these men have been faithful, just and honest public servants; both have been, latterly and, I believe, unflinchingly and ungrudgingly attacked by their enemies and my sense of fair play does not permit me to remain silent.

The mails are being flooded with circulars attacking Chief Justice Rand. It would be impossible in the time I have tonight to discuss in detail the charges contained in these circulars. These circulars were fully, carefully and fairly investigated by an unbiased, impartial committee composed of some of the most eminent lawyers of the state of Oregon. This committee unanimously found that the charges and all of them were absolutely unfounded and that Justice Rand had been a faithful and honest and a capable judge.

Once Opposed

And what about Judge Thomas? I have never asked, nor have I received any favor or special consideration from Judge Thomas, but I have found him a just, a fair and an impartial judge, anxious at all times to decide every question of law and fact correctly and justly. He has always been ready and willing to hear and consider every argument and every situation of authority that has been presented to him. He has been patient and painstaking. I have never seen a harder worker or a more diligent student on the bench. There is not the slightest question that Judge Thomas' serious sickness which nearly cost him his life, was the result of overwork—overwork in his efforts to get to the bottom of the law and the facts in the cases pending before him.

Qualities Unchallenged

The qualities of Judge Thomas have not been seriously challenged in this campaign. Let us examine briefly the principal charges which have been made against him. It has been claimed that he was unethical in soliciting the support of members of the bar in his candidacy for the federal bench, and a letter over the signature of Judge Thomas addressed to members of the bar asking them to write to the president and to Secretary McNary on his behalf has been published with great gusto. What are the facts with reference to this matter?

When Judge Wolvorton died, the Jay Association of Jackson and Josephine Counties almost unanimously adopted a resolution urging Judge Thomas to become a candidate for the position, and tendering their support. The resolution substantially declared that the bar, collectively and individually, stood ready to do anything in their power to bring about the appointment of Judge Thomas to the federal bench, and asked Judge Thomas to call upon them for anything that would advance his interests.

It was in response to those resolutions and assurances by the bar that Judge Thomas wrote the letter in question. I may be dense, but I must admit that I fail to see how this action on the part of Judge Thomas was either unethical or in bad taste. On the contrary, it seems to me that it is both unfair and unsportsmanlike for members of the bar to assure Judge Thomas of their support and to invite him to call upon them for help and then to criticize him for accepting the invitation. Another thing shows it seems to me that this is the worst charge that can be brought against Judge Thomas, there is very little in his record to criticize.

Judge Thomas has been accused of doing something improper in connection with the famous grand jury which convened last spring to investigate the office of the district attorney. Just what Judge Thomas did or failed to do in this regard has never been made very clear. I was one of the lawyers who defended Mr. Chaney and I think I know something of what transpired in this connection. The facts are that Judge Thomas called this grand jury, and told them to make a thorough investigation, to

secure no one and to let the chips fall where they would. In order that there might be no danger of local political influence or bias affecting the deliberations of this grand jury he appointed for its assistance and as advisers two able outside lawyers.

Senator Madry is one of the ablest lawyers at the Douglas county bar. Judge Johnson had been district attorney of Josephine county and is an honest and able lawyer. Judge Thomas trusted the whole matter of this investigation over to the grand jury and these lawyers. And it is not claimed that he ever interfered with them in any particular. Some of the members of the grand jury not being satisfied with the advice which their attorneys gave them, came into court asking Judge Thomas certain questions. Judge Thomas was reluctant to hamper the lawyers whom he had already appointed to advise the grand jury, but nevertheless told them that if they saw fit to proceed in a legal manner, voting a formal presentment and bringing it into court, he would answer their questions. The grand jury retired and the majority of them refused to vote to bring in a formal presentment, and that is all there is to the whole matter.

Not A Right

Judge Thomas' action in respect to this matter was right and was the only lawful course he could have pursued. It was his duty to be impartial. He was not a prosecuting officer, but a judge. It was his duty neither to shield nor to urge the prosecution of any one and he performed his full duty under the law, and again, I say, it is in the worst that can be said of Judge Thomas, his record must be of a high order.

In conclusion, I can only say this—everything I have seen and everything I have heard in the past six years convinces me that Judge Thomas is anxious to win and to serve the respect of the entire bar and of the whole public and that to this end he has honestly endeavored to perform the duties of his high office fairly, honestly, and justly and that, if he is re-elected, those members of the bar who are now opposing him, on if they will, come into his court and receive just as fair, just as fair and just as honest consideration for themselves and their clients as though they had supported him for re-election.

CRITICS PRAISE  
IRENE THRANE

Irene Hampton-Thrane, who will appear in concert at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening at 8:30, has received during her artistic career, the highest encomiums of critics and the press.

The post-intelligence of Seattle, where the artist has made her home for some time past, has the following to say, among many expressions of appreciation that have appeared from time to time in this paper: "On Wednesday evening a program of special merit was given by Irene Hampton-Thrane, pianist. Her artistic rendition of the difficult numbers was greatly enjoyed by the enthusiastic audience. She was at her best in a group of light, brilliant pieces, which brought out her fine, exquisite touch to its full extent. The artist displayed a wealth of talent to the large, enthusiastic audience. Irene Hampton-Thrane plays brilliantly and is mistress of her instrument."

She has been the pupil of the great Russian pianist and teacher, Joseph L. Leshnev, who expressed his estimate of her attainments as follows: "Irene Hampton-Thrane is an intelligent musical personality. She has well-developed technique, brilliancy, musical feeling and power."

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First Murder

Hickman's first murder, as far as known, was the slaying of Ivy Tove, Roswell, Cal. pharmacist, on Christmas eve, 1926. Hickman and Welby Hunt, a 17 year old companion, were charged with the murder of Tove during the holiday of his slaying. Hunt was sentenced to life in San Quentin prison.

The murder of Marian Parker, a 12 year old Los Angeles school girl, shocked the country because of her

friendship. The little girl, daughter of Perry M. Parker, an officer of the Los Angeles First National Trust and Savings bank, was lured from her school on last December 16 by Hickman on the promise that her father was ill and had sent for her.

Hickman had been a messenger at the bank where Parker was an official. The youth was accused of forging checks, but because he was under 20 obtained probation. He was discharged from the bank, but later that he chose the bank and for his victim not only to get money but to get revenge on her father who was instrumental in getting him discharged.

After the girl's absence was noticed Parker began to get letters and telegrams signed "The Fox" and demanding \$1500 ransom and cautioning him not to tell the police. On the night of Dec. 17 Parker met Hickman at an appointed place and gave him the \$1500. However, he did not get back his daughter alive. Instead he got her mutilated corpse which the slayer threw into a gutter and their drive away.

A manhunt started for the kid-

nap-killer, not then known as Hickman, which ended at Piedmont, Nev., on Dec. 24. Hickman was captured while driving in a stolen motor. He, upon being Chief of Police Tom Gardner of Piedmont and Lieut. Frank Lualaba of the state traffic police. Thousands of dollars in rewards had been raised for the slayer's capture.

Hickman first pretended insanity. Then he admitted the crime.

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### HICKMAN PAYS PENALTY

(Continued from Page One.) Before the trap was sprung Hickman had collapsed until his head was within three feet of the scaffold floor. For this reason his fall was not as complete as it otherwise would have been. This was noticed by guards to have arrested his death by ten or three minutes. The crowd that saw Hickman die apparently was little affected. Among those who witnessed the execution was George O'Brien, noted motion picture actor and son of Chief of Police Daniel J. O'Brien of San Francisco. Another witness was D. J. Oliver, Los Angeles police officer, who was shot in the abdomen by Hickman during the holding of the drug store of C. V. Toms at Roswell, Cal., on Christmas Eve, 1926. Toms, the druggist, was killed during the holdup. Welby Hunt, now serving a life term in San Quentin for the murder, worked with Hickman on the holdup. Four months from today Hickman would have been 21 years of age.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Oct. 19.—(AP)—The execution of William Edward Hickman here today marked the passing of one of the most remarkable criminals in the history of the state. Less than three years ago Hickman was a "bright student" in a Kansas City, Mo., high school. Within those three years he committed numerous robberies, thefts, holdups and wound up his criminal career with two murders, the

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