

Judges in Supreme Court Would Have Changed Our Constitution

Magistrates from Philadelphia, New York, and Washington, Banqueted by D.C. Bar Association, Hear Nathan Dobbins Tell How Course of History Might Have Been Changed.

WASHINGTON D. C. — The presence of a colored lawyer on the Supreme Bench of the United States would have changed the course of history, Nathan H. Dobbins, president of the local bar association, declared at a banquet at the Whitehall Hotel, recently.

Guests of honor were: Judge Edward Henry, of Philadelphia; Judge James A. Cobb, of Washington, and Judge James S. Watson, of New York.

The banquet was tendered them in honor of the distinguished services they have rendered as members of the judiciary and in recognition of the high esteem in which they are held.

Change Supreme Court

In his address, Mr. Dobbins asked, "What would our constitutional history have been if we had colored judges on the Supreme Court bench?"

"Under our constitutional form of government," he said, "the judiciary plays an important part. So important is that part, that I ask what would have been the situation had Judge James A. Cobb been sitting on the Supreme Court bench in the place of Justice Bradley when the Civil Rights act of 1875 was before the court for interpretation?"

"What would have been the constitution had we had such justices as Edward W. Henry or James S. Watson when the great segregation case came before the court for interpretation under the 14th amendment?"

"These misinterpretations of the law are a direct challenge to the col-

ored bar association and the bar throughout the country to mobilize their forces in order that the dissenting opinion handed down by Justice Harlan may become a majority opinion of the Supreme Court."

Judge Henry

Judge Henry suggested a rising tribute to the memory of the late Judge Robert Terrell.

Judge Henry said: "Let me tell you what it means to be a magistrate in Philadelphia. A candidate is elected in a city-wide vote in which more than \$25,000 votes are cast, and more than 200,000 votes are necessary for a choice."

Referring to the recent battle in the New York elections, he said, "I am happy to say that in spite of the hot campaign which meant so much to our people in New York, that Judge Watson was successful. I was in the campaign for my good friend, Mr. Rivers. But since he had to be defeated, I am glad that Judge Watson was the lucky one."

Judge Cobb Speaks

Judge Cobb in paying tribute to the memory of his predecessor, stated:

"I am happy that a splendid tribute has been paid to the late Judge Terrell, whom I succeeded. It was not difficult for me, because for 24 years, Judge Terrell had occupied a position here as a judge. He had so conducted himself and left such a splendid record that it was easy for a man of color to follow him and succeed."

"A judge of the appellate court once sent for me and told me that the work would be pleasant, and if I had any unpleasantness it would not come from the other group, but from my own. I have never had anything but respect and affection from the colored members of the bar."

"The municipal courts of the District handle 94 per cent of the civil business in the District. So you can see that the colored members of the bar, no doubt, come into my court in numbers. You can realize what is being done by that court and by the five judges who conduct it."

Judge Watson's Talk

Assuring his hearers that the judges realized that their personal future is not so much involved as the future of their people, Judge Watson of New York said: "It is now two years since a member of our race became a member of the New York legislature and that man began a struggle for the creation of a judiciary district so that a member of our race might ascend that bench. Finally there was passed a bill which made the establishment of that district and the competition of seven candidates possible."

"During the preliminary campaign, two of the candidates were eliminated. It was a very hard fight for those of us who carried on. Judge Henry came over from Philadelphia to help my campaign. He did his bit in causing my election. Despite the fact that he has told you that Mr. Rivers was his candidate, I know that as my fraternal brother, he added a good word for me."

"The municipal courts of New York cover the ten districts in the borough of Manhattan, and there are 50 municipal court judges, of whom two are colored, C. E. Toney and myself. Under the law, all of the municipal judges must rotate so that a judge cannot be in a district more than two months in any one year, and those two months cannot be served consecutively. Thus far, the two colored judges have covered nearly all of the ten districts."

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—West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs Yearbook.

Three Judges Feted at Banquet



JUDGE JAMES A. COBB Washington



JUDGE JAS. S. WATSON, New York



JUDGE EDWARD HENRY, Philadelphia

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Cold was the night in Bethlehem City of David fair; Bright stars shone o'er Jerusalem, Temple of God was there. Safe on its Altar Shew Bread rests, Symbol of Life Divine; Proof lay in cave on Mary's breasts, Saviour—God, born in time.

Prophets of old the story told How Virgin should conceive; Bring forth a Child, purer than gold, True Israel believe.

Now in a manger midst the straw, New-born Babe Shepherds find; Beasts of the field regard in awe, Ruler—King of mankind.

Heaven's gates open'd wide that night, Angels came pouring forth; Ev'rything mortal was affright, Earth seem'd nothing worth. Hearken! They bring tidings of peace, Tell of good-will supreme; Prophecy Light which ne'er shall cease, Incarnate God its gleam.

One star shone brightest of them all Hovering o'er the cave; Led by its light the Magi call, Find Joseph, Virgin, Babe. So in our hearts at Christmas-tide, Ever the Christ-Light shines; Long may the Angels' song abide, Good-will, Peace to all climes.

Beauty Hints

S. O. H.: To reduce the bust, strenuous exercise is necessary, and it must be done systematically every day to be effective. Rowing, bag punching, and swinging Indian clubs are recommended.

T. N.: Glycerin and rose water is a well known hand bleach. It may be used on the face, although some persons find it uncomfortable. A slice of lemon rubbed over the face will act as a bleach.

P. R.: Rub callouses with pumice to smooth down the hard skin. Grease the parts with vaseline or cold cream to soften them.

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