

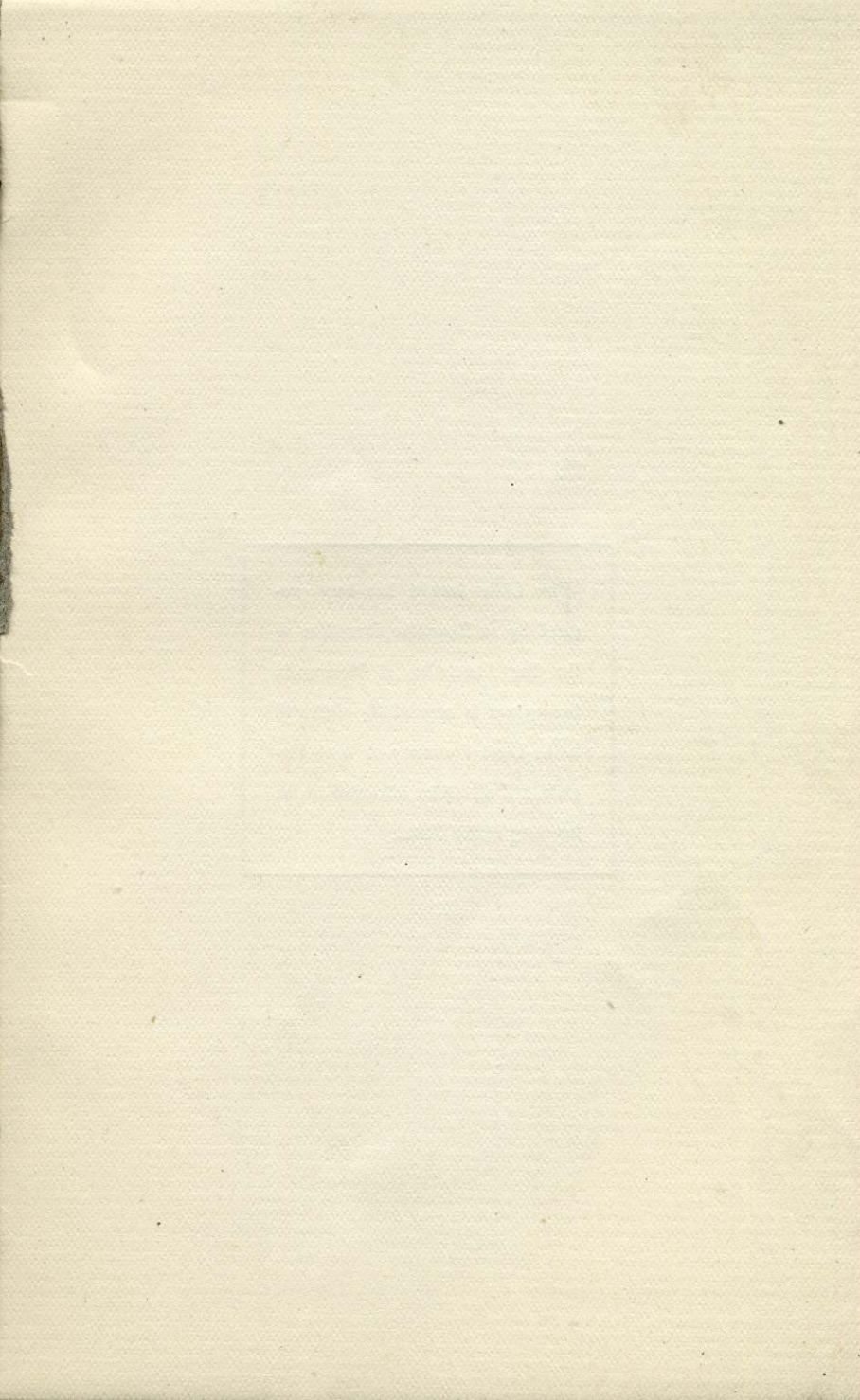
HON. FRANK COX

Of the Monongalia County Bar
Candidate for Judge of the
Supreme Court of Ap-
peals of West Va



Judges ought to be more learned than witty, more reverend than plausible, and more advised than confident. Above all things, integrity is their portion and proper virtue. * * * * * Patience and gravity of hearing is an essential part of justice.—*Lord Bacon.*

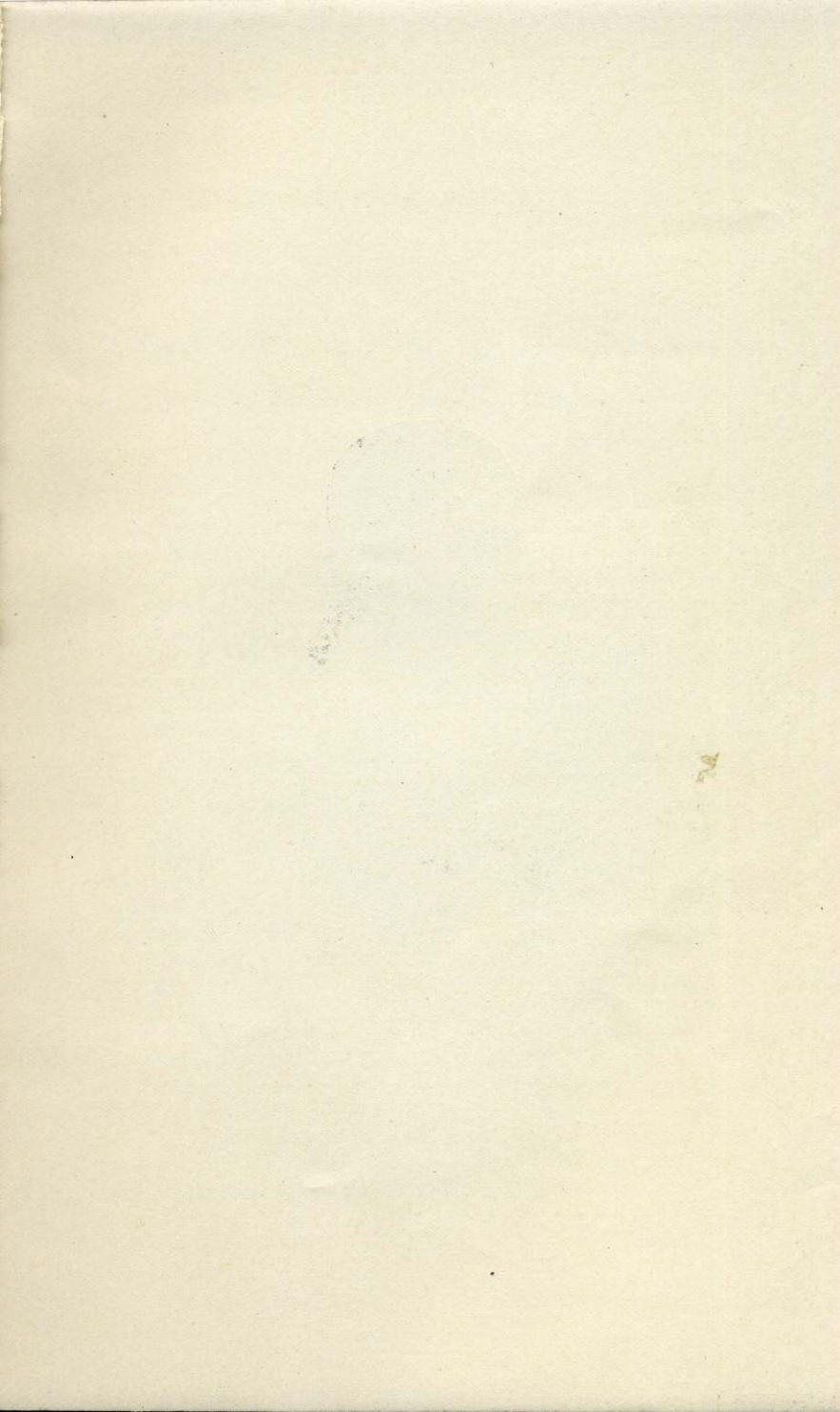
The bench should be constituted of the flower of the bar.—*Justice Dillon.*



This Little Booklet has been prepared by an Executive Committee of the Bar Association of Monongalia County and is respectfully dedicated to the Legal Fraternity of West Virginia, and all others interested in the Judiciary of this State.

EVERY man at birth is an epitome of his progenitors. He starts out with the elements of his character drawn from the widest sources, but so mixed in him that he differs necessarily from every other individual of his race. Here is the problem of life. Not the dome of St. Peter's, but how the hand that rounded it acquired its skill; not the play of "Hamlet," but how the mind that gave it its wondrous birth was developed—these are our chief concern.—Edwin Reed.

NOT only do our character and talents lie upon the anvil and receive their temper during generations, but the very plot of our life's story unfolds itself on a scale of centuries, and the biography of a man is only an episode in the epic of the family.—Robert Louis Stevenson.





TRIBUTE OF A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE MONONGALIA COUNTY BAR.

Hon. Frank Cox was born in Monongalia county, West Virginia, on the 18th day of June, 1862. He is the only son of Hon. Henry L. Cox, who was prominently identified with the public affairs of the county as a teacher and as Superintendent of Public Schools, and as a member of the Legislature.

He was educated in the public schools of the county and at the State University, taking a four years' course in the classical department and two in the Law School.

While a student he was awarded the following Literary prizes, viz: Regents' Prize Essay, Inter-Society Original Oration, and Inter-Society Debate.

He was admitted to the bar in June, 1883, upon the completion of his college course. He was Prosecuting Attorney and Assistant from 1888 to 1896; was Judge Advocate General under Governor Atkinson, succeeding Malcolm Jackson, Esq.; he has been President of the Monongalia County Bar Association for the past two years and is a member of the State Bar Association.

Mr. Cox practiced law till 1889 without a partner. At that time he became a member of the firm of Cox & Baker, which still exists with a large and lucrative practice in the Circuit and Supreme Courts of the State, and in the Federal Courts. He has been associate or leading counsel in a large number of important cases, civil and criminal, in equity and at law, involving many novel and intricate propositions in the laws relating to corporations, the development of oil and gas, and leaseholds for oil and

gas, and coal, as well as many other cases involving large interests.

He was married March 8, 1885, to Miss Mattie J. Weaver, and the union has been blessed by a son, now 15 years of age, and a daughter 6 years of age.

In social life Mr. Cox is genial and engaging and free from all stiffness or pretense of superiority. He has an elegant home where he takes great pleasure in entertaining, and with his charming wife dispenses a delightful hospitality.

In his intercourse at the bar his manners are courteous and free from asperity or coarse wit. He preserves an unruffled manner under the most trying circumstances. He has never been known to lose his temper or bear malice toward his brethren of the bar from any of the sharp encounters that are inevitable in a large practice. The esteem and high regard they have for him as a man, and for his learning and ability as a lawyer, are shown by the unanimous endorsement given his candidacy for Supreme Judge by his brethren of the bar, both republicans and democrats.

He is approachable at all times by the humblest, and the most timid are made to feel at ease in his presence.

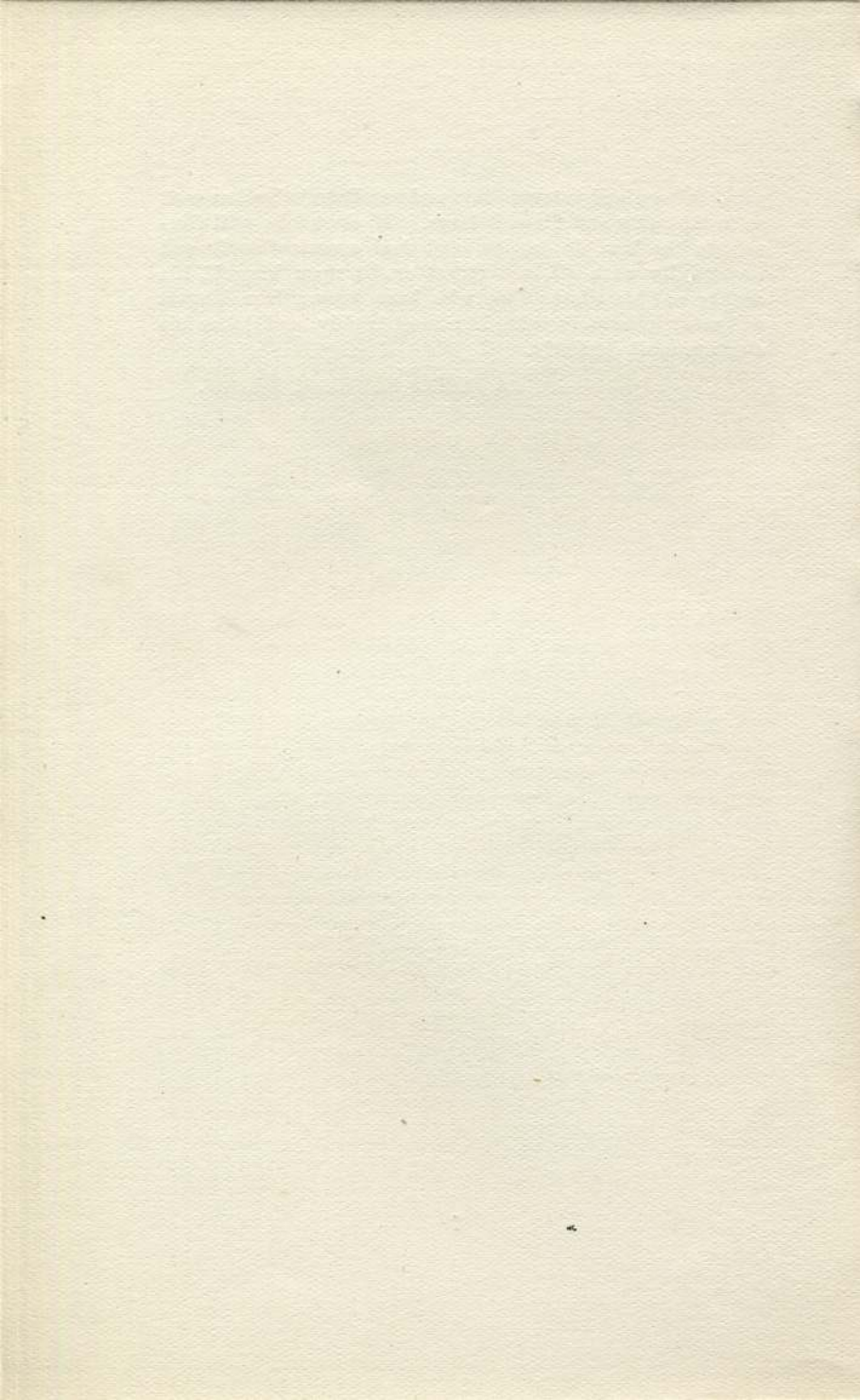
As a lawyer he is thoroughly devoted to the interests of his clients. He prepares his cases with great care, and is always ready for trial or to meet the pleadings of she adversary. Court and associate counsel listen to his arguments and statements of facts with confidence, because they know he has mastered every detail, and believes he is right.

He is in the prime of life, of excellent physique and with good health and of temperate habits in all respects. He is an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is ambitious to excel in the law and on the bench, and being possessed of a competency, will have nothing to distract his attention from the studious life so necessary to the attainment of any pre-eminence in a judicial career.

We feel confident that in presenting Frank Cox to the coming State Convention for nomination for Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals, we are doing a service to law-

yers, suitors, and intermediate and appellate judges, as well as to the party and State at large. If elected he will illuminate the law, do justice, and deal conscientiously and impartially with all, and reflect credit upon himself, his county and his State. We who have known him longest and most intimately value him most highly, and desire his election most earnestly.

A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE BAR.



RESOLUTIONS OF THE MONONGALIA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Bar Association of Monongalia county, held at the Court House on Friday, the 22d day of April, 1904, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Hon. Frank Cox, President of this Association, and who has been practicing law at the Bar of this Court for twenty-one years, is a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, We recognize in Mr. Cox a gentleman of high moral character, one whose public and private life have been such as to win the esteem and confidence of all who know him; and

WHEREAS, We further recognize in Mr. Cox a man learned in the law, a wise counselor, a brilliant advocate and possessed of that judicial temperament without which good Judges cannot be made; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we recommend Mr. Cox to the legal fraternity of this State as a gentleman whose moral character, education and profound knowledge of the great, living, and fundamental principles of our law and equity systems, specially qualify him for the position to which

he aspires, and we believe, if elected, his decisions will be models of a fair, correct and lucid exposition of the laws of the land.

RESOLUTIONS OF ENDORSEMENT

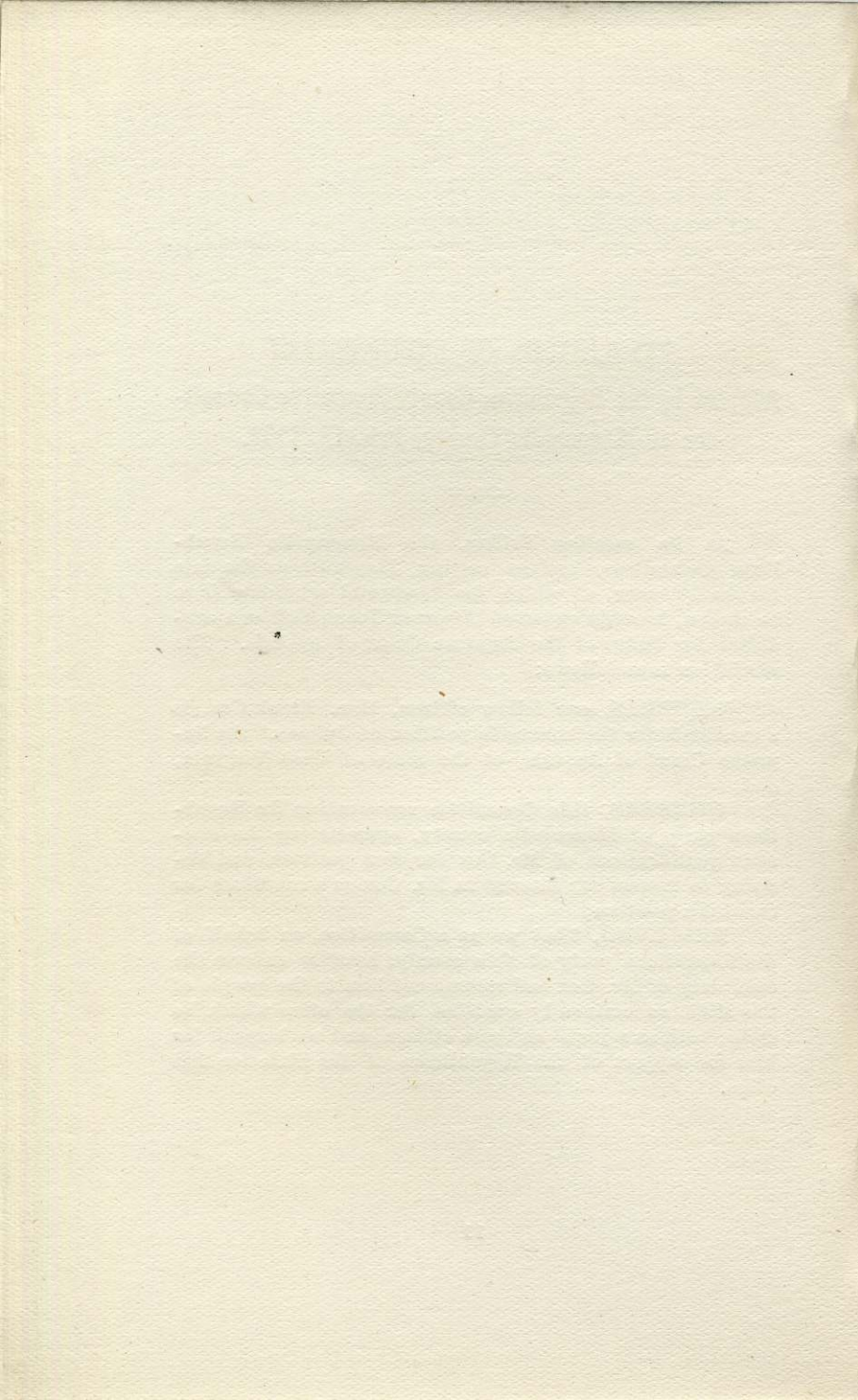
Adopted by the Republican County Executive Committee of Monongalia County, Feb. 12, 1904.

At its meeting Friday, the Monongalia Republican Committee, besides setting May 14th as the date for the Primary, at which the Senatorial candidate is to be chosen, heartily endorsed Attorney Frank Cox as a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, our fellow citizen, Hon. Frank Cox, is a candidate for the honorable position of Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals, of the State of West Virginia, and,

WHEREAS, this Committee representing the Republican party of Monongalia county, appreciating the eminent qualifications of Mr. Cox for that position, and desiring to express our interest in Mr. Cox as a candidate for this high position;

RESOLVED, That we as a Committee, on behalf of the Republican party of this county, heartily endorse the candidacy of Mr. Cox and recommend him to the people of the state as eminently qualified for the office which he seeks, both as a jurist and as a citizen, and we bespeak for him the support of the Republicans of the State for that office.



What the Newspapers of the State Have to Say of Mr. Cox's Candidacy.

HAS A CLEAR FIELD.

Wheeling Intelligencer.

Hon. Geo. C. Sturgiss was interviewed by an Intelligencer representative last night in reference to the candidacy of Hon. Frank Cox for the Supreme bench. Mr. Sturgiss said in part:

The Second Congressional district will present Hon. Frank Cox of Monongalia county to the State Republican convention for nomination as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals, to be voted for at the election next fall. Each of the five Congressional districts has now residing within its borders one judge of the Supreme court, and as Judge Miller, of the Fourth district, is a candidate for reelection, and Judge Dent who term expires, resides in this district, doubtless his successor will be selected from the same geographical section. Mr. Cox will be the unanimous choice of the district, and is so well and favorably known throughout the State that the will of the district will probably be ratified without dissent.

Mr. Cox has been in continuous active practice since his admission to the bar at 21 years of age, more than 20 years ago. He was educated in the public schools of the county and in the State University. Served as Prosecuting Attorney and as assistant for eight years in Monongalia county, and was Judge Advocate General under Governor

Atkinson, and for the last two years has been president of County Bar Association. He is popular with his professional brethren, and while abating nothing of earnestness and zeal in behalf of his clients never loses his temper, or substitutes abuse of counsel for cogency and terse and direct statement of the law and facts of his case. He has occasionally been elected special judge by his brethren of the bar and has always presided with dignity and such fairness and ability as would often command his services but for a large practice that leaves few cases in which he is not counsel and so disqualified him from serving as special judge.

Mr. Cox's practice has included many of the most important cases in the State, involving new questions of law and practice, and has brought him into contact with the best equipped, most experienced and ablest members of the profession, and in all these years no one has ever found him wanting in learning, industry and ability to fully equal the expectations of clients, colleagues and the courts.

He possesses the judicial temperament, and his love of the law has prevented him from being seduced into commercial business or speculative adventures, hence he has devoted his whole time to his professional work, and though associated with many business interests it is chiefly as legal adviser, though his sound and conservative judgment in business policies is highly valued and often exerts a controlling influence with his associates.

With excellent health and in the very prime of life and with matured intellectual powers he would be a great acquisition to the Supreme bench, and would increase the public confidence in the thoroughness of its researches and investigations, and in the accuracy of its conclusions and the soundness of its opinions. His personal and professional integrity are beyond question, and the lawyers who know him best feel assured that if he errs in judgment it will not be from want of patient hearing and careful research. He will be honestly and fully convinced before deciding. He will make an ideal judge, and as such the

Second district will with confidence present his name to the coming convention.

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 3, 1904.



HON. FRANK COX FOR JUDGE.

Morgantown Post.

The saying that "a prophet is not without honor save at home," is not always true. The unanimous tribute paid to our candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals by the Bar Association of Monongalia county comes from his neighbors and professional brethren without distinction of party affiliations. He has grown from boyhood to his present commanding position as a leader in his chosen profession in this city, and those who know him best in a social, business and professional way, pay him the highest compliment by the voluntary endorsement which they gave him Saturday.

That the sharp rivalries of an exacting and laborious profession have left no bitterness, but rather a higher appreciation by his associates of Mr. Cox's qualities of head and heart, and his superior fitness for the most exalted judicial tribunal in the State, is alike complimentary to him and to them. They will take a just pride in seeing him the recipient of this well merited promotion.

Morgantown, W. Va., April 25, 1904.



ENDORSES FRANK COX.

New Dominion, Dem.

A meeting of the Monongalia County Bar was held on Friday afternoon and Frank Cox, of this place, was en-

dorsed for the Court of Appeals. The meeting was made up of more Democrats than Republicans and the motion to endorse him carried unanimously. Democrats comprise the larger number of members of the local bar. They do not believe in partisanship in the judiciary and have come out squarely on that subject.



MONONGALIA COUNTY REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUS
FOR COX

Morgantown Post, April 14, 1904.

Monongalia county Republicans sometimes differ on men and measures, but on two things they are always a unit. One of these is that they always support the nominee of the party, whoever it may be, and the other is that whenever one of her sons aspires to a position that he is qualified to fill, they unanimously, loyally and enthusiastically support him. This is a good time to remind the Republicans of this state that we have not had representation on the state ticket since 1880, when Mr. Sturgiss made his brilliant campaign for Governor, but it is conceded by Republicans everywhere that Hon. Frank Cox shall receive the nomination for Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals at the convention to be held at Wheeling on the 12th of July, next, a position for which he is specially qualified, and which he will fill with marked ability and in a manner to not only reflect credit upon himself and the people of his state, but we make the prediction that if nominated and elected judge, his decisions will be quoted in all time to come as among the very best ever written by any Judge of the Supreme Court, and his name will go down to posterity as one of the leading jurists of the country.

MONONGALIA'S WISH.

Morgantown Post, May 3, 1904.

For more than twenty years the Republicans of Monongalia county have put forward no candidate for a place on the Republican State ticket. Yet it is clearly to be seen that this long space of time has been spent in maturing a candidate of whose record every Monongalia citizen, both Republican and Democrat, is proud.

Some writer has said that the best means of estimating the fitness, standing and capabilities of a man is to investigate him in his home. If that test is applied to the Honorable Frank Cox, the candidate for a place on the Republican State ticket, to whom we have referred, surely no one could fail to be satisfied that Monongalia Republicans are asking their brothers throughout the State to support a man, than whom none stands higher in Monongalia county.

It is not necessary to say that Mr. Cox is an able jurist; every one knows that. It is not necessary to say that Mr. Cox is a gifted lawyer; every one knows that, but it may be of interest to the good Republicans of this county to know that in addition to his professional abilities, he has ever been in the front rank of those who have stood willing and ready to invest their time, money and efforts in building up and enriching their own section.

Monongalians are proud of Frank Cox and they have good reason to be, regardless of politics, because it is men of his stamp and class that have promoted and brought about the phenomenal increase in the riches and prosperity of Monongalia county. His civic, social and moral record shows patriotism, affability and high religious ideals, while at the same time his material prosperity shows that business ability which is a requisite to the success of the ideal American citizen.

HAS NECESSARY ABILITY.

Morgantown Post, May 5, 1904.

The Bar Association of Monongalia county, at its meeting held on the 22d day of April recommended Hon. Frank Cox to the legal fraternity of this state as a "gentleman of high moral character, one whose public and private life have been such as to win the esteem and confidence of all who know him; a man learned in the law, a wise counselor, a brilliant advocate, and possessed of that judicial temperament without which good judges cannot be made."

The people of Monongalia county recognize in Mr. Cox all those qualities of mind and heart recognized by the Bar Association, and in addition to that, one of the best campaign orators this county has ever produced. For twenty-five years he has been making Republican speeches in this county and elsewhere, and giving advice and counsel in the management of the affairs of the party.

The people of the county believe in Mr. Cox; they have faith in his ability, his moral character, his integrity, and his special fitness for the position to which he aspires.



HON. FRANK COX, BRILLIANT LAWYER AND
ORATOR—STANDS AT TOP OF HIS
PROFESSION.

Parkersburg News, Aug. 2, 1903.

While the animating spirit of Republicans generally is that the policies and precedents of their party must prevail, at the same time the consideration of personality as it relates to the composition of their ballots has always been of weight and a feature of careful selection. In this regard West Virginia Republicans have been peculiarly fortunate.

And this condition has been achieved by deliberation, and not through the workings of the uncertain element which we call luck.

The matter of "peculiar fitness" in the selection of candidates is of much more than transitory concern. There are those who vote for policies and not for men. There are those who vote for men and not for policies. It is therefore, the duty of the Republican state convention of the coming year to so construct its ticket that the double, though by no means deceptive, purpose of providing for both these classes of suffragists may be accomplished. "Special fitness" should and must be more than a species of popular terminology to be bandied about regardless of its truest and strictest meaning. In the Republican state conventions of 1896 and 1900 there were large numbers of participants manifesting great enthusiasm which was but a precursory preparation for the great victories that were attained. These conventions were also remarkable for the general sentiment of approval of the candidates selected. The committee on resolutions had satisfied the voters as to the policies, and then came the cheerful and gratifying acquiescence from the purely personal point of view. In other words, the Republicans of West Virginia withhold approval of the erratic idea that anybody can be elected if his name is placed upon the Republican ticket; they know that the proper kind of material must be selected in order to firmly fashion victory.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 1, 1903.



CRITICAL EVENT APPROACHES.

Parkersburg News, Aug. 2, 1903.



The convention of 1904 approaches. Candidates are being discussed. Only those honest and faithful as citizens, men of ability, of integrity, of unassailable standing as

party leaders, need apply. Some men are specially qualified for one position in life, and some for another, but few there are who are so well rounded, so developed and so trained, as to be equally qualified for a number of important avocations. "Special fitness" is certain to be a watchword of the convention.

So far, the discussion has been, for the most part relative to the gubernatorial prize. The hilltops and the valleys seem to literally swarm with those who aspire to the footgear of Governor White, and it is a credit to the State's product of stalwart intellects that most of those thus brought into the public focus are fit and capable. But it must be born in the public mind that there are other places on the ticket in which there is a Macedonian cry for wisdom in selection. A mistake would be made if an entire unanimity of concern be enlisted for the head of the ticket alone. Let not this interest be so absorptive as to amount to neglect of other places on the ticket. It is time, even now, a year in priority of the convention, for the enlistment of serious consideration of all the other positions which the rank and file of the Republicans of the State will cause representation on their ticket.

There is a call for diversity of talents in the make up of the ticket. The candidate for Governor, far and beyond his other manifest capabilities, should possess, in large and unmistakable degree, executive ability; the candidate for Auditor should be actually renowned for honesty and of proved fitness as a business man; the candidate for State Superintendent of Schools should be eminent as an educator, and the candidates for Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals should be par excellent from the view points of mentality and reasoning power. It is but natural that the judicial selections should be of vast profundity in the literature of the law, coupled with the singular talent that insures its wise and just application. A judgeship is a position embodying the quintessence of dignity, the result of superlative accomplishments of the chancellor, a recognition of that rarest of professional gifts, the judicial temperament.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 1, 1903.

FROM THE SECOND.

One of the candidates for Judge will be from the Second Congressional District to succeed Judge Dent, and attention so susceptible to magnetism, has been attracted to the bar of Monongalia county, and an examination of the personnel of that list of able advocates discloses the name of Hon. Frank Cox, and his name, all applicable things in this connection considered, of right belongs at the head of that list. It is understood that Mr. Cox is imbued with a tender bud of ambition for the woosack; which, with the encouragement it deserves, is likely to grow and mature to robustly developed foliage. Of the requisites mentioned above, it can with all seriousness and truth be stated that he possesses them all in a large degree.

Since his name is mentioned, let the analysis of Mr. Cox's qualifications be slightly more specific. He is a man of ripe learning. Education with him is more than the observance of a prescribed course, the reward of which is a scholastic and professional degree. This he attained, but in the years that followed the habits of the student, diversified with affairs of the large nature which bring substantial reward and cultivation of the social arts which have made him much sought after for the charm of his companionship, have clung to him, and his intellectual attainments are of a nature to be ardently admired. He is the peer of any lawyer in the State. The assertion is comprehensive, but Mr. Cox measures up to it. In twenty years of his active practice, his reputation has spread far beyond the confines of his own bailwick, and during the past fifteen years he has been retained as counsel in nearly every important case in his own county. He is an exception to the biblical rule, in that he is a prophet with honor in his own country. The lawyers of the State will attest his ability. He has come in contact with the most eminent of the legal lights of the little Mountain State, and commendation from them for him comes full and free.

Frank Cox has the absolute ne plus ultra for the Supreme bench, the judicial temperament.

Without it judges are not made. The judicial temperament is not the possession of every lawyer. It is a peculiar quality, a mental gift to few. "Special fitness" as applied to Mr. Cox, in connection with the Supreme bench is no misnomer. It is a most emphatically correct classification.

The age of Mr. Cox is forty-one years. It is neither too young nor too old for a place on the bench. He has the vigor of youth and the sturdiness of character which comes with maturer years.



COX'S FOLLOWING.

The victory came to the Republicans of Monongalia county in the years immediately following the strife which served to cement the Union. Majorities there have been a development. Before he was a voter, Mr. Cox was a local "spellbinder" and as the years went marching on, he became a leader, with the result that the slow growth of Republican majorities in Monongalia were quickened and began to double. Notable successes in his county have been due to the endeavors, along legitimate political lines, of Mr. Cox, and the State owes him, at least, an acknowledgment of his services. which have been of incalculable benefit to the Republican party. Truly, he is a leader of the leaders.

There has been "talk" which connected Mr. Cox with the candidacy for Governor. He has frankly discouraged this overture. He is the embodiment of all necessary qualifications for the governorship and would, in fact be an ideal candidate.

The Republicans of the State would be wise to turn the searchlight of public opinion on Monongalia county, carefully examine into the character, standing and ability of Mr. Cox and his "special fitness" for the Supreme bench, compare him with other candidates and then do what is best for the party and the people of the State.

HON. FRANK COX, LEADER OF THE BAR, ELO-
QUENT SPEAKER.

Parkersburg News, January 17, 1904.

During the meeting of the Bar Association at Parkersburg, no one attracted more attention than Hon. Frank Cox, of Morgantown.

It is conceded that the place now held by Judge Dent, of Grafton, as a member of our Supreme Court will fall to some one in the Second Congressional District.

There is an unwritten political law, which required candidates of both parties to nominate a candidate from each of the Congressional Districts in turn, so long as there were four Congressional Districts. Since the formation of the Fifth Congressional District an additional member of the Court has been added and the same custom will no doubt be followed in the future as in the past by both the dominant parties.

Mr. Cox's friends announced sometime ago that they would present his name before the Republican State nominating convention as one from every standpoint eminently qualified to ably fill one of the positions on the Supreme Court bench.

It is gratifying to his friends that thus far no opposition to his nomination has developed. The great county of Monongalia has not for many years had a place on the State ticket of the party she so loyally stands by, with a great big safe majority at each election. Mr. Cox will add strength to the ticket, as he is the recognized leader of the bar in his section of the State and has been regarded for many years as one of the able leaders, and most eloquent and powerful speakers of his party. He is also of a strong and charming personality.

The ablest attorneys from all parts of the State approve of Mr. Cox's candidacy, as they recognize in him one who will be a credit to his State and profession as a member of the court of last resort of the commonwealth.

FOR THE SUPREME COURT.

Charleston Daily Mail, April 14, 1904.

Among the distinguished visitors to the State Delegate Convention was Hon. Frank Cox, of Morgantown, the senior member of the law firm of Cox & Baker, and a leading aspirant for the nomination for Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

Of all the comparatively young attorneys of West Virginia, Mr. Cox is one of the most prominent in the profession, and by his recognized ability has taken a place at the head of the profession in his section and is looked upon as a lawyer of unusual ability. In his candidacy for nomination to be a member of the Supreme Court his location is a most important consideration. At present the judges of that court are chosen from each of the five congressional districts, as follows: Judge Brannon from the First, Judge Dent from the Second, Judge McWhorter from the Third, Judge Miller from the Fourth and Judge Poffenbarger from the Fifth. The term of Judge Dent expires next and the approaching election will choose his successor. As the candidate for that succession Mr. Cox will come to the Republican State convention with the vote of that district practically solid in his favor, which, under the accepted order of things, should in a large measure settle the question.

The counsel, service and standing of Mr. Cox as a Republican, as well as a dignified and representative member of the profession, will make him a most desirable candidate of the party and bring strength in localities most needed.



CANDIDATE FOR JUDGE.

Clarksburg Daily Telegram, Nov. 18, 1903.

Hon. Frank Cox, of Morgantown, was here Wednesday

morning en route to Parkersburg. Mr. Cox is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Judge of the State Supreme Court. His name is prominently and favorably spoken of in this connection all over the state. The prospects for his nomination are bright. He will develop great strength not only in the northern part of the state, but in the southern section as well, and the convention will doubtless confer this honor on him, so well deserved. He hails from one of the strongholds of the Republican party, Monongalia county ever being loyal to the party of Lincoln and McKinley and always rolling up overwhelming Republican majorities. That county has not had representation on the state ticket for years and this recognition should now be given it. Mr. Cox is a lawyer of much attainment and occupies an eminent place at the bar. He has ever been a hard and loyal worker. He possesses all the requirements to fill the position of Supreme Judge with great ability. He is also deserving of recognition on account of party services. His claims for the place are just and the party will act wisely and well to confer the nomination on him.



HAS PECULIAR AND SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS.

The Central Republican, Belington, W. Va., Aug. 7, 1903.



In a recent article in the Parkersburg News, Hon. Frank Cox, of Morgantown, is named as an aspirant for the position of Judge of the State Court of Appeals to succeed Judge Dent, of Grafton. While it is a little early to bring out candidates for the position a year ahead of the convention, it is fair to say for Monongalia's favorite son that he is a young man about forty years old and is well qualified for the position, and that he is known favorably all over the state. He is a man whose integrity and character is above reproach, and whose fitness no one can deny. He is a born leader and is a Republican in whom there is no guile. We

would like to see the Monongalian wearing the ermine robe. Some question might be raised as to his fitness and qualifications, but this can be answered by any lawyer in the state, and many who are not lawyers, even in the remote parts of the state can testify to his peculiar fitness for the position. He is not a "hot head," but a cool, deliberate, fair minded man, and we would like to see things so shaped as to place the Monongalian on the bench.



HAS ABILITY TO FILL THE POSITION.

Grafton Daily Sentinel, Aug. 8, 1903.



Hon. Frank Cox, who has been a practicing member of the Monongalia county bar, with residence at Morgantown, for the past twenty years, has formally announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination to the Judgeship of the Supreme Court of Appeals, to succeed Judge Marmaduke H. Dent, of this city, whose term expires the first of January, 1905. Inasmuch as the judgeship goes by custom to the Second Congressional district, it is thought that Mr. Cox will have no opposition in his party for the nomination. The gentleman has been a leading member and an ardent worker in the interests of the Republican party all his life, and the party is indebted to him for a great deal of its success of late years. Aside from this, and what is far more to the point, Mr. Cox has the ability to fill the position to which he aspires.

A FEW INCIDENTS IN THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF HONORABLE FRANK COX.

Frank Cox is recognized by all who know him as belonging to the class of intellectual men. He meets the problems of life and solves them. He does not depend entirely upon his ability for success, but is a great worker. In the 42 years of his life, he has accomplished more than the average man succeeds in doing in a lifetime. He has not only done what other people have done, but has, on many occasions, succeeded when his associates and fellow men have failed. At school he took more prizes than any of his schoolmates,—in fact he never failed to win a prize for which he strove.

This was no surprise to those who knew him, for in early boyhood he developed the characteristics of the orator. When he went out into the country, when a boy, to make a Sunday School speech, everybody said that his was the best speech of the occasion. If he attended a picnic or a banquet, and there was any speaking, he was sure to be called upon, and he never disappointed his friends.

When he was admitted to the Bar of Monongalia County, in June, 1883, everybody predicted for him a brilliant career, and it was only a short time until he was successfully meeting all of the old practitioners at the Bar. In fact, he took much more pleasure in meeting the old veterans in the practice than he did in meeting those who had had less experience. We have not time in this short article to enumerate his victories. We refer our readers to the records of the Circuit Court of Monongalia County.

During the time that he was in the prosecuting attorney's office, but one man tried for a felony escaped the penitentiary, and he was found guilty by the jury that

tried him, and afterwards given a new trial, and was not re-tried during Mr. Cox's term. Our readers would probably be slow to believe us if we would tell what per cent. of all the cases on the docket of the Circuit Court of Monongalia County have the firm of Cox & Baker on one side or the other, and so we refer you to the docket itself.

But a man might have great ability and be learned in the law, and yet not be fitted for a position on the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. We are sorry to say that some times intellectual giants, and men of the most profound learning, are the least useful and in fact the worst enemies of society and of their country.

If you wanted to find out a man as he really is ; if you wanted to KNOW him, reader, what would you do? Wouldn't you go to his home? Wouldn't you want to see him in the privacy of his family? We think you would. If you will go with us to Mr. Cox's home, you will find him one of the happiest men in West Virginia, and surrounded by one of the happiest families you ever saw. Providence has dealt kindly with them, and each member is happy. Who couldn't be happy under such circumstances?

An intellectual man, with the intellectual and legal training received by Mr. Cox, surrounded with such a family ought to be, and is, fitted to fill any position in the gift of the people of West Virginia. You judge the future by the past. He has never failed in anything that he has undertaken,—we guarantee you he will succeed beyond your expectations, if nominated and elected Judge of the Supreme Court. He succeeded in school; his clients, and the Courts before whom he has practiced will attest his ability and success as a lawyer; he has been successful in business; he could not fail as a Judge of the highest Court.

The Bar Association of Monongalia County, composed of more Democrats than Republicans, has recommended him to the Legal Fraternity of this state "as a gentleman whose moral character, education and profound knowledge of the great, living, fundamental principles of our law and equity systems specially qualify him for the position to which he

aspires, and believe, if elected, his decisions will be models of a fair, correct and lucid interpretation of the laws of this state.''

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