DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHN R. JONES.

In view of the fact that District Attorney John R. Jones is completing his first term as prosecuting attorney of this county and is a candidate for reelection the following opinions of members of the bar of Lackawanna will be of interest:

JUDGE JESSUP—I think Mr. Jones a man of very good legal mind. I have been associated with him in the preparation of several cases, and found he grasped the points quickly and prepared the cases with great care and in a thorough manner. He has a very good appearance before a jury, is a man of fine personal address, and so far as I have had experience with him he attempts to impress the jury with the earnestness of his own convictions.

MAJOR EVERETT WARREN — I have very little to do with the district attorney's office and try very few cases in the quarter sessions. It is my opinion that he is a thoroughly capable official, with splendid equipment mentally and physically for the office. I have found him in every way most courteous and obliging without yielding anything so far as the interests of the commonwealth are concerned.

CHARLES DU PONT BRECK—While I do not practice in the criminal courts, I learn that Mr. Jones' administration of his office has reflected credit upon him.

SENATOR JAMES C. VAUGHAN—I think Mr. Jones has shown great efficiency as a district attorney. He has dispatched the business of his office in an expeditious manner, and the interests of the commonwealth are safe in his hands. He has treated me with the greatest kindness.

COL. F. J. FITZSIMMONS—Mr. Jones is all right; a good fellow and a good official; accommodating and courteous to the members of the bar.

HON. M. E. M'DONALD—Mr. Jones is a nice, courteous gentleman, a good lawyer and a successful district attorney. He puts forth every effort to satisfy every one and at the same time care for the interests of justice.

GEORGE B. DAVIDSON—I think Mr. Jones is an able advocate, very zealous in caring for the business of the office so far as I have been able to see.

W. A. WILCOX—Mr. Jones has always shown himself to be a very courteous gentleman, and is a good lawyer.

R. J. BEAMISH—I have always found Mr. Jones a courteous and obliging gentleman, and our relations have always been of the most pleasant character.

B. F. AKERLY—Mr. Jones is courteous and is a good public official. As a prosecutor he cares diligently for the affairs of his office, shows interest and fidelity, and as a district attorney has apparently been very accommodating to the members of the bar.

J. H. BONNER—Mr. Jones is a courteous gentleman in every respect, and as a district attorney he has proved himself very efficient. His compliments to the members of the bar in the shape of criminal trial list at every session are greatly appreciated by the attorneys.

W. H. GEARHART—A capital good fellow and a good lawyer.

JOSEPH O'BRIEN—Mr. Jones has always treated me with uniform courtesy since his induction into the office of district attorney, and he has shown great zeal at his post as a prosecuting officer.

A. A. VOSBURG—He has certainly made a good official, obliging, courteous and competent. He has disposed of his cases as well as any one ever in the office.

L. P. WEDEMAN—All that I can say is extremely favorable to his record as a prosecuting officer and of his courtesies to the members of the bar. He is one of the most zealous district attorneys I ever saw, considering the press of business in his office. He has been particularly courteous to me.

HORACE E. HAND—Mr. Jones is not only very courteous in his treatment of members of the bar and parties to the suits at issue, but wonderfully successful in the management of the office, and his systematized work makes it possible to arrive quickly at any facts needed in reference to any case.

F. E. BOYLE—He is the right man in the right place.

C. B. GARDNER—Mr. Jones performs all the duties of his office in a very thorough manner. He is a very able, hard-working and courteous official.

WALTER BRIGGS—I think that Mr. Jones has made a remarkably good district attorney. He has attended to his duties very promptly, and while he has been just with criminals he has taken good care of the county.

C. E. BRADBURY—My idea is that Mr. Jones is a lawyer of ability. He conducts his cases with a great deal of energy.

WILLIAM F. BOYLE—I think that he has given satisfaction in every respect as district attorney.

CHARLES E. OLVER—John R. Jones is able, honest and fearless. What more can people require? To the members of the bar he is uniformly courteous.

GEORGE W. BEALE—I think that Mr. Jones is a first class district attorney. He has discharged his duties not only faithfully, but in such a way as to make a record in the disposition of criminal cases. He has treated the members of the bar fairly and without partiality.

WALTER E. DAVIS—I have always found Mr. Jones obliging and courteous, and he has made a very able district attorney.

EDWARD MERRIFIELD—Mr. Jones is a very pleasant and courteous gentleman, but so far as his official duties as district attorney are concerned I know nothing about them, as I have not been in court.

JOHN F. SCRAGG—I have found Mr. Jones as district attorney, the peer of his able predecessors in the office. He possesses great force of character. It often requires effort for him to properly control his sympathy, but I observe, when justice requires it, he does so successfully. Withal he is very accommodating to those having business with the office. Criminals alone need fear him.

M. J. WALSH—As long as I have been a member of this bar, and as often as I have been trying cases with him, Mr. Jones has shown himself to be very courteous to the younger attorneys. He has done all that he could to favor them so far as he could consistent with his duties as prosecuting officer, and is, without a doubt, a very efficient district attorney

HERMAN OSTHAUS—From what I have seen of his conduct in the prosecution of criminal cases, I judge he has made a very prompt and efficient officer.

MILO J. WILSON—Mr. Jones has always been very nice to me. He seems to know his business, and grasps the questions before him at once. He is a good lawyer and seems to deal fairly with the people. It would seem to be a trial for a man in his position to keep his temper and get along well and turn out the business of his office rapidly and at the same time do justly by all.

P. W. STOKES—His ability has never been questioned. I have heard very flattering opinions of Mr. Jones from men in town outside of the legal fraternity as well as among them. Personally, I like him. I have known him for many years, and have found him to be liberal minded. He seems to take very good care of the commonwealth, and at the same time makes allowance for the frailties of man where such allowances are proper.

J. ELLIOT ROSS—Mr. Jones has made a splendid district attorney. He is full of energy and as honest as the sunshine, courteous to litigants and considerate to the members of the bar. There is not an appropriate good word I would not be willing to say for John R. Jones.

B. F. KILLAM—Mr. Jones is a very pleasant man to do business with, prompt in the discharge of his duties, and has a great deal of consideration for those who deal with him. He is a very easy man to approach and my relations with him have been very pleasant.

W. D. BOYER—I think Mr. Jones is a man of learning and ability, courteous in demeanor, and has made an excellent district attorney.

M. J. M'ANDREW—I have found Mr. Jones to be very courteous, so far as my dealings with him are concerned. He is a good lawyer and has filled the office of district attorney as well as his predecessors.

JUDGE ALFRED HAND—I have always found him courteous and able, and so far as I have heard he has performed his duties satisfactorily. He has made a reputation for his faithfulness in the discharge of his duties.

M. I. CORBETT—I think John R. Jones one of the best of district attorneys and lawyers. He is a pleasant person to meet, and when you leave him you always feel that you have been benefited by the interview.

ORLANDO B. PARTRIDGE — Mr. Jones has conducted the office of district attorney of this county, so far as my experience goes, very well. He has treated the members of the bar with the greatest courtesy. I think he has used good judgment in this disposition of his cases.

NATHAN VIDAVER—I think that Mr. Jones has shown himself to have a marvelous capacity for work, and good work. He is a worker. This county has been blest with such district attorneys before him. We have always done very well here.

JOHN J. MANNING—Mr. Jones has made a good record, and has always been very courteous to me. He is very punctual and attentive to duty.

M. W. LOWRY—Mr. Jones has made a diligent, hard working officer for the commonwealth. So far as I have had any dealings with him, I have received every courtesy due me.

GEORGE D. TAYLOR—Mr. Jones is an able lawyer, and I believe he has given an efficient and conscientious administration of the office of district attorney. I know that he has extended courtesy both to political friends and foes, and has not used the power of his office for the purpose of punishing those who may not have agreed with him in the past.

J. W. BROWNING—Mr. Jones has made a first class district attorney. He is very accommodating, especially to the younger members of the bar.

C. COMEGYS—I think that Mr. Jones' record as a district attorney is good, and he is extremely courteous to the lawyers and other persons who are brought in contact with him by the duties of his office. He attends apparently to the details of the office, which are innumerable, with as much care as the larger matter that pass through the office. The only criticism that I could make is that oftentimes his zeal in the discharge of his duties in the trial of cases may be somewhat excessive in an officer representing the commonwealth.

JUDGE STANTON—He is a most efficient public officer, and I believe that he has disposed of the business of his office both rapidly and satisfactorily to all parties concerned since he has been an incumbent of the office, and with great economy as far as the interests of the public are concerned.

C. DONOVAN—I consider him very courteous to each and every member of the bar, and as accommodating as a conscientious discharge of his duties will permit him to be. I think him a very able and conscientious prosecuting officer, and his conduct as such must needs give entire satisfaction to the public.

JOHN G. M'ASKIE—Mr. Jones has made a very good record as a prosecuting officer.

D. P. REPLOGLE—I have been accorded the most courteous treatment by Mr. Jones. I think that he has done credit to the office of district attorney.

HON. LEMUEL AMERMAN—I think Mr. Jones has made a first rate district attorney.

W. S. DIEHL—Mr. Jones as a district attorney has made a very efficient and capable officer. He is painstaking and extremely courteous to the young members of the bar. In fact, so far as I have been able to see, it is his desire to accommodate every one so far as the duties of his office will permit him to do.

H. M. STREETER—So far as I have observed, Mr. Jones has made an able district attorney.

M. J. DONAHOE—It is my opinion that Mr. Jones' record is clean. He displays conspicuous ability in the discharge of his duties, and I have always found him affable and accommodating.

W. S. HULSLANDER—I think Mr. Jones has made a good district attorney, and has carried matters forward in a straightforward, upright manner. He has made a splendid record for himself. I am glad of the opportunity to say a good word for him.

FRED R. STARK—I can say for myself that I am very well pleased with Mr. Jones as a district attorney. He is kind and courteous to the younger members of the bar, and when I have had occasion to ask for a favor, if it was consistent with his duties, he has always granted it. I consider him a very efficient district attorney, and it would be very difficult for this county to fill the position more satisfactorily.

T. P. DUFFY—I have been practicing but a short while, but during that time Mr. Jones has treated me very kindly and courteously. I have an excellent opinion of his ability.

ROSCOE DALE—Mr. Jones has made a very credible record as district attorney. I have heard a great many favorable comments concerning his work.

W. H. JESSUP, JR—From what I have seen and heard, Mr. Jones has made a very satisfactory officer indeed, and has done his work well. He has always been very courteous and has displayed a superior ability in all matters.

C. R. PITCHER—Mr. Jones is a very pleasant official, and one for whose competency I have a great deal of respect. He has undoubtedly made a good record as district attorney.

D. J. REEDY—I have found Mr. Jones very accommodating, and he seems to have been quite successful in the prosecution of cases. In my opinion he has given general satisfaction.

THOMAS F. WELLS—I have gained the impression from what little I have seen and heard that Mr. Jones has been a successful district attorney, and has made a good record.

JOHN J. MURPHY—I have observed that from term to term he has made improvements in his office for the convenience of prosecutors, witnesses, aldermen and members of the bar. With time they have developed into a system. There are indications of further improvements, and they are the best evidence of strict attention to his official duties.

W. GAYLORD THOMAS—Mr. Jones has an enviable record as district attorney. I have heard nothing but words of praise and commendation of him. He has surpassed even the expectations of his best friends.

JAMES W. OAKFORD — I have known Mr. Jones from my first day in the office of Judge Archbald, with whom I read law. Mr. Jones had his office with the judge and was even then giving evidence of the forensic ability which has since given him such signal success at the bar and in the office of district attorney. The impression of combined force and astuteness which he made on me at that time has been strengthened as each year has brought him broader opportunities for displaying his talents. John R. Jones can be counted on to make the most of every opportunity and rising to the level of every occasion.

H. L. TAYLOR—Mr. Jones is a very good district attorney, and has made a strong record. He is well equipped for the office, obliging to the members of the bar, and has fully sized up to all requirements.

W. R. LEWIS—I consider Mr. Jones energetic, capable and strictly conscientious in the discharge of his duties.

E. W. THAYER—Mr. Jones has made a good district attorney, and certainly has done well as a prosecuting officer. He is well equipped mentally for the office, and has been faithful in the discharge of his duties.

HON. JOHN P. KELLY—Mr. Jones as district attorney has always treated me with the greatest courtesy, and is always pleasant and affable in the discharge of his duties.

HON. W. W. WATSON—In my opinion Mr. Jones has made a good record as district attorney. He has filled the office with credit to himself and the people of the county. His courteous manner and conduct in court is deserving of high praise.

E. H. HALL—From what I have heard of Mr. Jones, his reputation in Scranton seems to fully bear out the record he made while at Cambridge, which institution I also attended.

I. H. BURNS—Mr. Jones is a good lawyer, and carries on the business of the office to the benefit of the general public.

HON. C. P. O'MALLEY—The fact that not a single indictment has been quashed for irregularities and that no blunder of even the most trivial kind has ever appeared in the workings of the office under Mr. Jones' management, to my mind best proves the worth and faithfulness of the district attorney.

HON. T. J. DUGGAN—Mr. Jones is a good officer, and an able and eloquent district attorney. He is obliging, courteous and a most successful prosecutor.

T. P. HOBAN—Mr. Jones has made a very efficient district attorney, and it will be difficult to improve upon him. He is competent in every way and has been very courteous in the office, something that is appreciated by the attorneys of the bar.

FRED W. FLEITZ—Mr. Jones has been a very courteous and obliging official. He has performed his work conscientiously to the public and courteously and obligingly to the members of the bar. He has expedited the business of the office as much as could be done in justice to the increase of business he has had to dispose of.

JOHN F. MURPHY—I think Mr. Jones is a very courteous official, and has attended faithfully to the duties of his office. He has worked hard and made a good record. He deserves the thanks of the bar for printing in such nice, convenient form, for the use of the attorneys, the criminal trial lists that have been used at every term of the quarter sessions.

JAMES J. O'MALLEY—Mr. Jones has made a first class district attorney, and has conducted the office with credible success. He has introduced some new ideas in the way of conducting the affairs of the office, particularly the printing of the criminal trial lists, something that all the members of the bar appreciate.

S. B. PRICE—Mr. Jones is a courteous officer, and has prosecuted his cases with ability.

H. W. MULHOLLAND—I think I can approve of Mr. Jones' career as district attorney almost fully and entirely. I thought when Mr. Jones first entered upon the duties of his office as district attorney he carried into the office too much of the aggressiveness and anxiety to secure convictions which he had formerly shown to secure acquittals when acting on the other side of the case, defending those accused of crime. This could not, I suppose, have been very well otherwise—a man cannot change his manner of doing things in a day.

I have always found Mr. Jones, since he has been district attorney, courteous and obliging to the full extent the duties of his office as public prosecutor would permit; and I think that every one will acknowledge his ability and earnestness in the performance of the duties of his office.

JUDGE WARD—Mr. Jones has made an able and efficient officer.

GEORGE S. HORN—District Attorney Jones, like Messrs. Gunster, Simrell, Connolly, Edwards and Kelly, the district attorneys who preceded him, has been an able and courteous officer.

FRANK T. OKELL—I consider John R. Jones one of the ablest attorneys in the country, and believe that he should receive a renomination for his able work in the district attorney's office.

H. M. HANNAH—Mr. Jones stands very well indeed as a lawyer. He is a man of stern energy, and keeps things going nicely in the Quarter sessions. He is certainly an energetic prosecuting officer, and so far as I know has administered the affairs of the office with great efficiency. I have heard no fault found with him by any one.

J. H. TORREY—Mr. Jones has administered the affairs of his office with great thoroughness, courtesy and efficiency.

R. J. BOURKE—I certainly consider Mr. Jones a very efficient and gentlemanly district attorney. He is a man who can always be easily approached by his brother lawyers. I consider that his administration of that office has been eminently successful and beneficial to litigants.

GEORGE L. PECK—I think Mr. Jones has made a careful and painstaking official, and he has made out remarkably strong cases in the prosecution of homicides.

A. D. DEAN—Mr. Jones has made one of the most obliging and gentlemanly officials that we have ever had in the position. His record in the office is a very good one.

CHARLES L. HAWLEY—So far as I am concerned, I consider Mr. Jones a very efficient official, and his administration has never been excelled in respect to the safety afforded human life by his vigorous prosecution of murder cases.

E. H. SHURTLEFF—Mr. Jones is an able man for the position and performs his duties very faithfully. I have always found him fair and courteous, and disposed to do the right thing.

E. C. NEWCOMB—Mr. Jones' administration of the office has been marked by the highest efficiency and courtesy. He has made a vigorous and aggressive prosecutor, and has been very kind to the members of the bar when they have come in contact with him.

CHARLES W. DAWSON—Mr. Jones is a most expeditious, and one of the best district attorneys this country has ever had.

CLARENCE BALENTINE — Mr. Jones has made a good record. I have always found him very courteous and industrious, and anxious to oblige every one so far as he can consistent with his duties as a public officer.

FREDERICK FULLER—I have always found Mr. Jones to be courteous and obliging, and a gentleman of good legal ability. He has not a sharp, brusque manner that so many attorneys have. I consider him one of the best district attorneys that we have ever had. His system of conducting the officer is a great improvement over the past, and he enters heart and soul into the discharge of his duties. When he believes a man is guilty, he will convict him if he can.

JOHN T. MARTIN—Mr. Jones has been efficient and perfectly honest. I like him very much. We have had our tilts, but all lawyers have those. His record is a good one. He is a hard man to fight against, and he has a very convincing manner in talking to a jury.

C. H. VON STORCH—Mr. Jones is a thorough gentleman, very accommodating, and has made a good administration of the affairs of the office. He should have another term.

T. C. VON STORCH—Mr. Jones is a thoroughly competent district attorney, and one of the best that we have ever had.

H. B. REYNOLDS—Mr. Jones makes a very competent district attorney, is a nice fellow and seems to give general satisfaction.

C. H. SOPER—Mr. Jones is a very able district attorney and has been fair in every particular in all my dealings with him, not only in regard to the interests of the accused, but also of the county. I have never thought that he sought glory in convicting a man. His desire appeared to get at the facts, and, if they warranted it, to obtain a conviction. He is certainly a thorough gentleman, a man of energy and integrity. **

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