

John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney of Lackawanna County, Issues a Call to All the District Attorneys of Pennsylvania to Meet in Convention at Scranton in November. Mr. Jones Says the Object Is for Professional Improvement, Promoting Necessary and Beneficial Legislation and Preventing Objectionable Legislation--District Attorney Olcott, of New York City, Will Probably Deliver the Principal Address--Will Bring the Lackawanna County Bar into Prominence--Distinguished Visitors Will Be Royally Entertained.

District Attorney John R. Jones has issued a call to all the District Attorneys of this Commonwealth, to meet in convention, in the Court house, at Scranton, during the month of November, to form an organization to be known as "The District Attorneys' Association of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania." The objects of the organization as stated in his letter addressed to the Commonwealth's attorneys throughout the state, is for professional improvement, the promotion of necessary legislation pertaining to criminal law and the prevention of objectionable legislation. The County Commissioners have given him the use of the main court room at any time when court will not be in session.

A three day's programme will be arranged. District Attorney Olcott, of New York City, will probably deliver the principal address. The convention will be addressed by well-known attorneys, and some of the prominent lawyers of the Lackawanna bar will be invited to participate in the exercises.

Mr. Jones will give the distinguished visitors an excursion to Hazleton over the famous gravelly railroad of the Delaware and Hudson Canal company. He will take them through the mills and mines of Scranton, and by means of a trolley party on the brilliantly illuminated and fully decorated cars of the Scranton Traction company will show them the sights of our beautiful city. The following letters show with what unanimity the idea of the association has been received.

1. I approve of the organization. 2. I will try to attend. Yours respectfully, (Signed) James J. McCollom, Dist. Atty. of Bradford County. (From District Attorney of Butler County.) John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—Yours with reference to convention received. In reply would say, I approve of the convention, but at present cannot say

(From District Attorney of Cumberland County.) Carlisle, Pa., July 16th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney, Scranton, Pa. My Dear Sir:—Your letter came to hand. I neglected answering same until this date, thinking that I could more intelligently answer your questions after deliberation. I know of the hardships experienced by District Attorneys of our State in discharge of their duties, for the want



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(From District Attorney of Allegheny County.) Pittsburgh, Pa., July 15th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney, Scranton, Pa. My Dear Sir:—Your letter relating to the organization of the "District Attorneys' Association of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" was received. I was heartily in sympathy with the movement, and believe I can see where in the association, if properly organized and conducted, may be able to exert considerable influence for the good of the profession. I will endeavor to attend the convention.

(From District Attorney of Armstrong County.) Kittanning, Pa., July 17th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney, Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—I most heartily approve of your proposed organization and believe that great good might be accomplished by it. I expect to be able to attend.

(From District Attorney of Beaver County.) Beaver, Pa., June 26th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—Your letter duly received. In answer would say that I approve of such an organization, and if there is no preventing providence I will certainly attend.

(From District Attorney of Bedford County.) Bedford, Pa., June 21st, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. My Dear Sir:—In reply to your favor, I beg leave to say that I approve of organizing the District Attorneys' Association of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. So far as I can tell at this time, I will attend the meeting.

(From District Attorney of Berks County.) Reading, Pa., July 17th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney, Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—Your letter at hand and contents noted. The formation of an organization of District Attorneys of the State meets my hearty approval. If properly conducted, no doubt much good can be accomplished by such an association. If nothing unforeseen happens, I will certainly attend. Of course the meeting should not be called on Monday, nor later in the week than Thursday.

(From District Attorney of Blair County.) Altoona, Pa., July 19th, 1897. Mr. John R. Jones, District Attorney, Scranton, Pa. My Dear Sir:—I have your letter advising me that the District Attorneys of the State will meet in convention at Scranton, Pa., during the month of November next, for the purpose of organizing "The District Attorneys' Association of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," and stating the object of such an organization.

(From District Attorney of Carbon County.) Mauch Chunk, Pa., July 16th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—Your favor relative to the meeting of the District Attorneys, at Scranton, is at hand. I approve of the organization and will attend the meeting. Yours, (Signed) Eugene O. Nothstein, Dist. Atty. of Carbon County.

(From District Attorney of Centre County.) Bellefonte, Pa., June 23, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. My Dear Sir:—Your favor just received on my return from a week's absence. I heartily approve of the proposed convention of District Attorneys, and will arrange to attend.

(From District Attorney of Chester County.) West Chester, Pa., July 20th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney, Scranton, Pa. My Dear Sir:—In reply to your favor, I beg leave to state that I shall be pleased to attend the proposed convention.

(From District Attorney of Columbia County.) Johnstown, Pa., June 24th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—I have your favor, and an earlier reply would have been mailed had not circumstances prevented. I can heartily say that I approve of the organization; that I would like very much to attend, and that, if possible, I shall do so. I therefore express the hope that I may be with you on that occasion. I remain, sir, Very truly yours, (Signed) Robert S. Murray, Dist. Atty. of Columbia County.

(From District Attorney of Dauphin County.) Harrisburg, Pa., June 29th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. My Dear Sir:—I have your esteemed favor, and beg to state in reply that I approve of the organization such as mentioned, and will gladly attend the same, if possible. Very respectfully yours, (Signed) Meade D. DeWeller, Dist. Atty. of Dauphin County.

(From District Attorney of Delaware County.) Chester, Pa., June 28th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney, Lackawanna County. My Dear Sir:—I have your favor in reference to a convention of the District Attorneys of the State, and in reply assure you that I am heartily in favor of the project. I have thought several times of suggesting to some of the District Attorneys such a movement. I will be glad to co-operate with you, in any way that I can to make the matter a success. If I can assist you in the matter in any way, command me and believe me, Very sincerely yours, (Signed) William I. Schaffer, Dist. Atty. of Delaware County.

(From District Attorney of Elk County.) Ridgeway, Pa., June 29th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney of Lackawanna County, Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—Your favor received. I approve of the organization of the Commonwealth most heartily, and hope to be able to attend the meeting. I have no choice of date of meeting, but believe that the latter part of September will suit me as well as any time.

(From District Attorney of Erie County.) Erie, Pa., July 2nd, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—Answering your lines, would say that I thoroughly approve of the idea of forming "The District Attorneys' Association of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania." I will try to attend.

(From District Attorney of Fayette County.) Uniontown, Pa., June 25th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—Your letter in regard to the formation of the "District Attorneys' Association" is at hand, and in reply, will say that I think the idea a

good one, and will attend the meeting if I can make it suit to do so. At this time would have no preference of dates. Respectfully, (Signed) Ira E. Partridge, Dist. Atty. of Fayette County.

(From District Attorney of Forest County.) Tionesta, Pa., June 18th, 1897. Dear Sir:—Yours relative to convention of District Attorneys received. I approve of the convention. Will attend. Very truly, (Signed) P. M. Clark, Dist. Atty. of Forest County.

(From District Attorney of Franklin County.) Greencastle, Pa., July 6th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. My Dear Sir:—Yours of recent date to hand, and in reply will say that I am in favor of such an organization as referred to in your letter and think it a capital idea. I will attend unless something should occur at the time to prevent. It will suit me at any date agreed upon by those in charge.

(From District Attorney of Fulton County.) McConnellsburg, Pa., June 19, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney of Lackawanna County, Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of a couple of communications from you in regard to the District Attorneys' Association of Pennsylvania. I have no doubt that such an association will be of interest and benefit. It would give me great pleasure to visit Scranton, as I have always wanted to visit your city, but I do not see my way clear at present. Private interests occupy so much of my time, particularly October to November, that it is difficult for me to get away.

(From District Attorney of Greene County.) Waynesburg, Pa., July 3rd, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—Your letter in relation to a meeting of the District Attorneys of the State, to form an association, is received. I am in most hearty sympathy with the purpose as set forth in your letter, and shall try to be present at the meeting. I have been busy with myself so that I can conveniently come, I have felt for some time that a movement of this kind should be started.

(From District Attorney of Huntingdon County.) Huntingdon, Pa., July 22nd, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney, Scranton, Pa. My Dear Sir:—I think it would be advisable and will attend, if possible, in October would suit me better than any other month.

(From District Attorney of Indiana County.) Indiana, Pa., June 25th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. My Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your favor relative to a convention of District Attorneys. In answer to your questions, would reply, first, I am heartily in favor of the proposed association. Have thought of the matter a great deal, and it always seemed strange that such an organization was never effected. Secondly, I shall attend if possible. At this early date I cannot assure you of my attendance; if nothing interferes I shall make the effort to be present.

(From District Attorney of Jefferson County.) Brookville, Pa., June 21, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—Replying to your favor in regard to organizing "The District Attorneys' Association," I would say in

reference to the time of meeting, and I will come if possible. Respectfully yours, (Signed) Wilberforce Schwyer, Dist. Atty. of Juniata County.

(From District Attorney of Lancaster County.) Lancaster, Pa., July 8th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—I have your letter in reference to the organization of the District Attorneys' Association. In answer to the questions you propounded, would say, I approve of the organization. I will attend if nothing unforeseen occurs.

(From District Attorney of Lawrence County.) Newcastle, Pa., June 25th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—Yours in reference to the convention of District Attorneys received. I am heartily in favor of the proposed organization, and will attend, if possible, the meeting in your city. Yours very truly, (Signed) Robert K. Alken, Dist. Atty. of Lawrence County.

(From District Attorney of Lebanon County.) Lebanon, Pa., July 13, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney of Lackawanna County, Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—In reply to your valued favor, would say that I am heartily in accord with your plan of affecting a District Attorneys' Association. I emphatically approve of the organization. I will attend, if there is any assistance that I can render, command me. Kindly advise me how the project is progressing.

(From District Attorney of Luzerne County.) Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 16th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. My Dear Sir:—Your letter in reference to organizing "The District Attorneys' Association of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," received. I approve of such an association. I will be present if such a thing is possible.

(From District Attorney of Lycoming County.) Williamsport, Pa., July 2nd, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—Your letter in reference to the District Attorneys' Association received. First, I approve of such organization, and believe that, rightly conducted, would be a means of accomplishing much good in relation to legislation pertaining to criminal business of the courts of our State. Second, I will attend if possible.

(From District Attorney of McKean County.) Smethport, Pa., July 9th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your favor, and while I approve of the organization I do not think I shall be in attendance on account of the fact that business of the district attorney's office in this county is not very remunerative, and the distance from here to your city is considerable.

(From District Attorney of Montgomery County.) Norristown, Pa., July 8th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. My Dear Sir:—In answer to your letter, notifying me of the convention of the District Attorneys of the Commonwealth, to be held at Scranton, Pa., for the purpose of organizing "The District Attorneys' Association of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," for the purpose of professional improvement and promoting necessary and beneficial legislation relating to the profession, and preventing objectionable legislation, I am pleased to say that I heartily approve of the organi-

(From District Attorney of Monroe County.) Stroudsburg, Pa., June 22nd, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney, Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—I have read with much interest the press comments of the proposed meeting of the District Attorneys of Pennsylvania, at Scranton, and am most heartily in accord with the project.

(From District Attorney of Montour County.) Danville, Pa., July 1st, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney, Scranton, Pa. My Dear Sir:—Your letter duly received. Will answer your inquiries as follows: I approve of the association. I will attend any time between the dates specified by you will suit me for the convention.

(From District Attorney of Mifflin County.) Lewisistown, Pa., June 20th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney, Scranton, Pa. My Dear Sir:—Yours of late date at hand and contents noted. I heartily approve of the organization as outlined in your letter. I will attend if possible.

(From District Attorney of Monroe County.) Stroudsburg, Pa., June 22nd, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney, Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—I have before me your letter touching the proposed organization of District Attorneys of the state, and am heartily in accord with the movement. I shall gladly avail myself of the opportunity to be present.

(From District Attorney of Montgomery County.) Beaver Springs, Pa., June 23, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney, Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—Yours in reference to District Attorneys' Association at hand. Replying would say that I am in favor of such an association, and will be in attendance if possible.

(From District Attorney of Tioga County.) Wellsboro, Pa., June 28, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. My Dear Sir:—Yours of recent date, in reference to the proposed organization of "The District Attorneys' Association of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," at hand. In response to your inquiries, permit me to say: I heartily approve of the proposed organization; 2. I hope to be able to attend; 3. The days suggested would best suit me for the convention.

(From District Attorney of Union County.) Millburg, Pa., July 7th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—Your favor received, and in response to the questions put I can say most emphatically (1) that I approve of the organization; (2) will attend if possible. I wish the enterprise the utmost success, and will be glad to lend any aid within my power, even though the work of the office is light in my county, being a purely agricultural district, and my experience is quite limited in the work.

(From District Attorney of Venango County.) Franklin, Pa., July 10th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney, Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your communication in relation to the proposed meeting of district attorneys, etc., and in reply thereto would answer the questions propounded as follows: 1st. I most heartily approve of the organization. 2d. I will attend with pleasure, unless prevented by some unavoidable occurrence. (Signed) A. R. Omer, Dist. Atty. of Venango County.

(From District Attorney of Warren County.) Warren, Pa., July 9th, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—Your notice of a meeting of the District Attorneys of this Commonwealth, to be held at Scranton, duly received. I approve of such an organization as you propose in your notice, but will not be able to attend and therefore have no suggestions to offer as to date of meeting. My term of office expires in December of this year, and my successor will no doubt have more interest in the matter than myself.

(From District Attorney of Wayne County.) Honesdale, Pa., June 21, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., District Attorney of Lackawanna County. Dear Sir:—Your letter conveying information of the intended convention of the District Attorneys of Pennsylvania, to be held at Scranton, duly received. I heartily approve of the movement for the purposes set forth in your communication, and will arrange to be present at the time you may decide upon.

(From District Attorney of Westmoreland County.) Greensburg, Pa., July 7, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—I owe you an apology for neglecting to reply at once to your letter. It found me in the midst of a term of court in two courts and a grand jury all running at the same time. I am heartily with you in the project you have on hand and will do all I can to further it. I will attend if it is at all possible. I think such an organization as is proposed is very much needed, and can be made of great benefit to the legal profession at large.

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(Signed) Jacob A. Strassburger, Dist. Atty. of Montgomery County.

(From District Attorney of Mercer County.) Mercer, Pa., July 1st, 1897. John R. Jones, Esq., Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—Your letter relative to the proposed convention of District Attorneys of Pennsylvania, to be held in your city, received. And in reply will say that I will be unable to attend the proposed convention, but heartily approve of the meeting.

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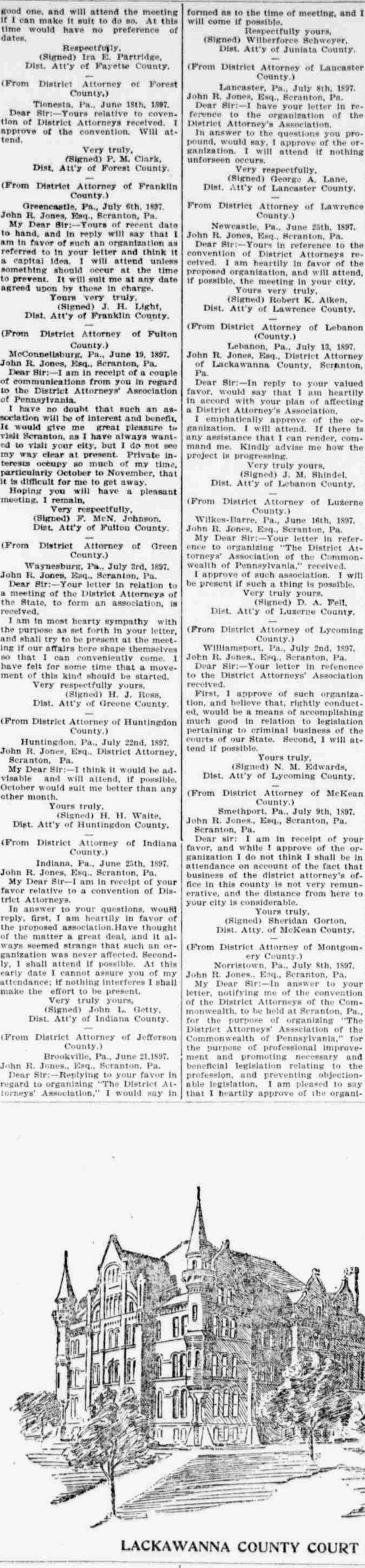
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answer to first question, yes, I approve of the organization. Secondly, I would like very much to attend the meeting, private matters may keep me from doing so at this time. Will go if possible. Hoping the movement will be successful, I remain, Yours very truly, (Signed) N. L. Strong, Dist. Atty. of Jefferson County.

I will attend the gathering unless something now unknown should prevent. Should any mischance prevent my being present at the organization of the association, I desire to become a member and will do all I can to further the interests of the society. I can see much good that can come out of a District Attorneys' association. I hope you will be successful in obtaining George S. Graham to address the association. Yours truly, (Signed) A. S. Heck, Dist. Atty. of Potter County.