

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Primaries, Saturday, Sept. 30, 1911.
Treasurer, \$12; Sheriff, \$10; County Commissioner, \$10; Auditor, \$5; Jury Commissioner, \$4; County Surveyor, \$2. All strictly cash in advance.

Prothonotary.
We are authorized to announce S. R. Maxwell, of Tionesta, as a candidate for Prothonotary, &c., subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

Associate Judge.
We are authorized to announce A. H. Sigworth, of Jenks township, as a candidate for Associate Judge, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

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We are authorized to announce R. A. Strickener, of Jenks township, as a candidate for Associate Judge, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

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We are authorized to announce Joseph M. Morgan, of Tionesta borough, as a candidate for Associate Judge, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

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We are authorized to announce Fred Ledebur, of Tionesta township, as a candidate for Associate Judge, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

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We are authorized to announce James H. Smith, of Green township, as a candidate for Associate Judge, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

Treasurer.
We are authorized to announce Nelson G. Cole, of Green township, as a candidate for Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

Treasurer.
We are authorized to announce W. H. Brazeo, of Kingsley township, as a candidate for Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

Sheriff.
We are authorized to announce Charles Clark, of Tionesta, as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

Sheriff.
We are authorized to announce James H. Butler, of Tionesta borough, as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

County Commissioner.
We are authorized to announce Joseph C. Scowden, of Tionesta, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

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We are authorized to announce James Elliot, of Harmony township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

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We are authorized to announce W. H. Harrison, of Green township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

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We are authorized to announce John M. Zundel, of Kingsley township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

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We are authorized to announce Conrad Barham, of Tionesta, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

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We are authorized to announce J. S. Himes, of Jenks township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

County Auditor.
We are authorized to announce Arthur C. Gregg, of Howe township, as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

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We are authorized to announce George H. Warden, of Hickory township, as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

Jury Commissioner.
We are authorized to announce J. B. Eden, of Tionesta township, as a candidate for Jury Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries.

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CONGRESSMAN SPEER LENDS HAND

Writes a Strong Protest Against Water Rights Monopoly.

Hon. P. M. Speer of Oil City, our able Congressman, has taken up the fight for the people against the granting of charters and turning over the water rights of Tionesta creek and Clarion river to a monopoly...

To the Water Supply Commission of Pennsylvania.
GENTLEMEN:—As a citizen of Western Pennsylvania, in the territory to be affected thereby, I desire earnestly to protest against the approval by your Commission of the application now pending for charters to dam, store and use for power and other purposes the waters of Tionesta creek and Clarion river.

The effect of these charters, if their purpose can be carried out, is to grant to the incorporators an absolute monopoly of the waters of these two streams for practically all purposes; and if the project is feasible, the franchise in the end would be worth millions of dollars to its owners; this would be taking from the people the benefits which they are entitled to from these natural resources, and placing them in the hands of the owners of these charters.

The Commission, as I understand it, was created in pursuance of a widespread demand, recently developed, that the natural resources of the country should be conserved for the public, and not permitted to be monopolized for the benefit of a few individuals, and that the waters of our state especially should be so conserved and kept uncontaminated so as to be suitable for public use.

Water is as much a public necessity as air and to grant to a few individuals the monopoly of the water of these two important streams, especially without any public benefit from said grant, would be an outrage upon the communities which are entitled to the use and benefit of these waters.

It would seem sufficiently clear that the intention of the legislature of 1905 was to prevent any such a monopoly by taking away the right of eminent domain as already stated, and if it is possible under the law for those who may obtain these charters applied for to monopolize the streams under them, it will be on account of some defect in the wording of the law rather than in the intent of those making it.

Personally I am of the opinion that no charters can be legally granted to enable the incorporators to accomplish what they desire, but if it were believed that they could do so then the capitalization is entirely inadequate, and to grant charters of this character is a violation of the rule which has been adopted in this Commonwealth of requiring those applying for a charter to show a capitalization fairly sufficient for the purposes for which the incorporation is made.

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M. E. Conference Appointments.

Following is a partial list of ministerial appointments made by the Erie conference in session at DuBois last week:

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.
A. R. Rich, District Superintendent, Oil City.
Byrontown—C. E. Arters, Chloora—J. H. Jelbert, Clintonville—J. E. Hillard, East Brady—A. D. Stevens, Eau Claire—H. B. Davis, Emonton and Foxburg—G. S. W. Phillips.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.
Fertigs—A. C. Boyd, Franklin—E. E. Brown, Karns City—L. R. Phipps, Kellestville—W. E. Frampton, Marienville and Knox—H. E. Phipps, Oil City—Bethel, C. H. Frampton; Grace, W. S. Mitchell; Trinity, A. C. Ellis.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.
Parkers Landing—John Lusher, Petrolia and Bruin—H. B. Davis, Folk—J. R. Rich, Robinson Chapel—Cearing Peters, Rockland—R. C. Rumbaugh, Roseville and Plomer—H. S. Miller, Salem—K. W. McGee, Seneca—S. E. Winger, Sherrett and Rimerstown—K. E. Shingledacker.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.
Shipperville—George Miller, Tidoute—E. O. Minigh, Tionesta—W. S. Barton, Pleasantville—E. O. Walker, West Hickory—G. A. Bernard, W. Monterey and Queenstown—Wm. Lister, West Sunbury and South Washington—S. P. Bartlett, Nansen—J. C. Hankins.

CLARION DISTRICT.
J. Bell Neff, District Superintendent, DuBois.
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A Tionesta Woman Honored.

One of the most pleasant features of the twenty-fifth annual convention of the W. C. T. U. of Forest county, held at Endeavor, Sept. 13 and 14, was the making of Mrs. Martha Derickson, of Tionesta, a State Life member.

This requires the payment of \$25 into the state treasury, and the Forest County Union did this as a slight token of appreciation for the good work she has done in this cause since its organization as a county twenty-five years ago.

Tionesta local union was organized by Major Hilton in 1886. Mrs. Derickson became one of its charter members, later organizing several local unions, serving as county president for nine years, and always working fearlessly regardless of the sacrifice required.

In those early days, before public sentiment had become educated, it meant sacrifice of not only time and money, but even friends, and those who labored in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union often suffered persecution and injustice.

Time has wrought wondrous changes, and today the organization which has recently honored this true and tried member is recognized as one of the most vital and potent forces for the promotion of the public good in this broad land of ours.

In a very appropriate presentation speech, Mrs. N. P. Wheeler voiced the sentiment of the county, saying it was only fitting that we so honor this beloved and faithful worker.

Mrs. Derickson was deeply moved, and in thanking the union for the honor conferred upon her, said nothing could give her greater pleasure than being for a member of the organization so dear to her.

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