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### Obituary.

The death of Robert D. Lancaster on January 4, at the age of eighty-three years, at his home at Forksville, removed from our midst one who, for more than a generation, has been numbered among our leading business men and most respected citizens. In his death, the community in which he had lived for almost a half a century, as well as the county at large, sustained an irreparable loss.

Mr. Lancaster came to this county when about 18, locating at Forksville and engaging in the mercantile business. For over thirty years he conducted a general store and did a large and prosperous business. About ten years ago he retired from the general retail business and purchased the Forksville Pharmacy, conducting this business up to the time of his death. His long business career brought him in contact with thousands of people and in all the business relations of life he was trustworthy and honorable.

From the time Mr. Lancaster became a resident of the county, he has been closely identified with its business interests and public affairs. He has continually been called upon to fill positions of trust and has held every post of honor within the gift of the people of his home town. For many years he has been recognized as one of the County's most efficient magistrates and he was still in commission at the time of his death. Perhaps the office in which he has been most useful to the community however, is that of Secretary of the local school board. In this position he served his school district and the cause of education with conspicuous ability and fidelity for almost a quarter of a century and his records are models both of form and accuracy. For many years he has been secretary of the Home Fire Insurance Company and no more faithful, efficient officer could have been found.

Mr. Lancaster was a man of great energy and industry. He was always engaged in doing something useful. After business hours the newspapers, books and magazines claimed his attention and there were few men whose reading covered a wider range than his. His tastes were decidedly literary and he was entirely at home in the great field of classic literature. His opinions on books, authors and literary matters in general were original and valuable.

As illustrating Mr. Lancaster's ambition and keen student power, a remarkable achievement of his old age may be sighted as an inspiration to the younger generation. At the time he purchased the drug store he knew nothing about compounding prescriptions and had never studied pharmacy. But after spending some time in the business, he determined to master all its details. He took up the systematic study of pharmacy and after completing the course prescribed by the laws of Pennsylvania, went before the state examining board and although a man seventy-five years of age, in a class composed of young men in the twenties, he easily eclipsed them all and passed at the head of the class.

Mr. Lancaster is a man of broad views and varied attainments; a kindly, refined, educated gentleman of the old school whom to know intimately was ever a pleasure, a profit and an inspiration. His keen quick wit, always coupled with a kindly humor, made him a bright and entertaining conversationalist and a cheery, agreeable companion. He will be greatly missed and his place in the community will be hard to fill. Mr. Lancaster never acquired great possessions so far as this world's goods are concerned, but he has left to his children and to all whose good fortune it was to know him well what is far better, the rich legacy of an untarnished name and the enduring record of an honorable and useful life.

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### The Retiring County Commissioners.

Last Monday the old board of County Commissioners composed of Frank H. McCarty of Elkland Twp., Boyd P. Bennet of Shrewsbury and Michael McDonald of Cherry completed their term of three years service and turned the work of their office over to their successors. In surrendering their trust, they and the County of Sullivan are to be congratulated for the able and efficient manner in which they have performed their difficult and trying duties and for the splendid results they have accomplished for the taxpayers and the County. The retiring board will go down in the history of the county as the board that had the courage to take a stand on the question of proper assessment of the great corporate interests and wealth of the county and in the face of the most persistent efforts on the part of the owners of the natural wealth of the county, the timber and the coal, to win a great victory for the county. To do this they had to encounter not only the open hostility of the corporations but also opposition from sources that should have gladly welcomed their efforts and stood squarely with them and for them in what they were trying to accomplish.

When the retiring board of County Commissioners took their seats three years ago, they found a county indebtedness of nearly \$60,000. In addition to this they found that \$6,000 of money belonging to the various Townships had been paid into the County funds. They found a large part of the County indebtedness bearing interest at the high rate of six per cent. They found hemlock timber lands assessed at \$19.18 per acre and hardwood at \$3.00 per acre. But they found what was still worse thousands of acres of choice hemlock and hardwood wrongly classified in the "barren" list at \$1.00 per acre. They found the valuable coal lands of the County assessed at the ridiculous figure of \$18.00 per acre and that many acres of proved coal land had been improperly placed on the barren list. Surely here was a condition of affairs that needed attention and they entered upon their duties with the single purpose of fidelity to their oaths of office. As a result of their labors the debt has been largely decreased, they having paid during the past year alone \$7,000 on the County indebtedness. The \$6,000 belonging to the Townships has also all been paid. The loans bearing six per cent. interest have all been called in and funded at four per cent. Thousands of acres have been taken from the "barren" list upon the assessment books and placed upon the timber list and the assessment upon hemlock lands raised from \$19.80 to \$40.00 per acre and upon hardwood, from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per acre. The large plants of the great tanning trust located in the county, which they found assessed at an average rate of about \$22,000 each, they have raised to an average of about \$45,000 each. The assessment books show that coal acreage has been largely increased and the assessment raised from a patty \$18.00 per acre to \$101.00 per acre.

As a result of the efforts of these gentlemen, an increase of over half a million dollars is shown upon the assessment books, on corporate property alone, which for many years has escaped its fair share of the burden of taxation. As a result of their efforts, \$15,000 of increased revenue will come to Sullivan County during the three years for which these assessments hold good besides the thousands in addition that will go to the townships that have timber land, coal land and tanneries.

Surely these gentlemen should retire from office feeling proud of their record and the County and the taxpayers should appreciate the honesty, courage and intelligence displayed by these officials in the discharge of their difficult and trying duties.

### The Retiring County Treasurer.

Frank H. Farrell, of Dushore, in retiring from office of County Treasurer, can be assured that he carries with him the merited praise of the

people of Sullivan County for the capable and business-like administration of the affairs of his office. True to every trust committed to him, he has discharged every duty with characteristic honesty, promptness and integrity and leaves a record that will stand as a tribute to his ability as a business man and his excellence as an official. In the administration of the business connected with the office he has extended every courtesy to all who had business to be transacted there and has given the closest attention to every detail of the work.

The records of the office have been kept in the most correct and careful manner by his daughter Miss Elizabeth M. Farrell, who has been his highly competent and popular deputy during his entire term of office. The books in the County Treasurer's office are among the most important County records and their absolute accuracy and fine appearance for the term just closed is a matter of general comment.

In turning over the work of his office to his successor, Mr. Farrell can be assured that its varied duties have been performed in such manner as to reflect the highest credit upon his administration.

### Important Sullivan County Case Decided by the Supreme Court.

A case from this County of more than ordinary interest was decided by the Supreme Court at Philadelphia last week. It involved the question of Royalties due the Lessors as what is known as the "Gunton Coal Mine" at Bernice, Pa. W. L. Woodruff of Mobile, Alabama, with the other owners of the mine, leased same to Walter B. Gunton in 1898. All of the coal has since been mined and removed from the property by Mr. Gunton. A dispute arose as to the amount of royalties due under the Lease and Mr. Woodruff brought suit in this County to recover the balance of royalties claimed by him. The case was tried twice here, the second trial resulting in a verdict for Woodruff for Four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Nine and 46/100 Dollars (4,329.46) This was some Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (2,200) less than his claim. Both parties appealed to the Supreme Court. The plaintiff claiming the judgment entered in this County was not enough, and the defendant claiming that it was too much; that he was required to pay royalties upon claim which should not be charged against him. The Supreme Court dismissed Gunton's appeal and sustained Woodruff's contention and sent the case back to this County for another trial.

The attorneys employed in this case were E. J. Mullen, Esq., of Laporte, for Mr. Woodruff and R. A. Mercus, Esq., of Towanda, A. J. Bradley, Esq., of Dushore, and Hons. H. W. Palmer and F. W. Wheaton, of Wilkes-Barre, for Mr. Gunton.

### Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, widow of Jonathan Rogers, died at her home at Lincoln Falls on Friday morning, January 8th, at the age of 80 years and 10 days. The funeral at Lincoln Falls was largely attended, with interment at Forksville.

Mrs. Rogers was a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Huckell and was born at Hills Grove Dec. 28, 1828, and had resided in the same community all her life. She was the mother of five sons and nine daughters, all of whom survive her except one son who died in infancy and one daughter Mrs. Marion R. Woodward, who died about a year ago. Two of her sisters also survive her; Mrs. H. B. Wiseman of Elmira and Mrs. H. O. Sprague of Alloutown Penna.

She was a true mother in all that it implies, and her quiet kindly life and example will long rest as a benediction upon the community in which she has lived.

The Annual Meeting of the Sullivan County Agricultural Society will be held in the High school building at Forksville February 13, 1909 at 10 A. M. Auditors will meet Jan. 30.

M. E. Wilcox Secy.

### BERNICE ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald were at Towanda attending the funeral of Mr. Fitzgerald's Father who died at that place Tuesday.

Mrs. J. A. Helsen was a Wilkes-Barre visitor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McLaughlin and son Eugene were New York visitors last week.

Lewis Brown and sister Blanche of New Albany were Mildred visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamer and Mrs. C. Croll of Dushore were visiting Mrs. Morris Leverton of Mildred Sunday. James Collins was a Dushore visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Spence gave a birthday party in honor of the latter's father Archibald Hay who has attained the long age of 71 years. The following members of the family were present with their children:

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hay and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Lonie and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spence and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Spence and family, William Hay and Mrs. Jennie Hay of Williamsport.

The evening was an enjoyable one. Mr. Hay was the recipient of many useful presents. We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hay.

### Gentlemen of the Jury.

List of persons drawn for Grand Jurors for February Term of Court to be held at Laporte, on February 8, 1909.

Brown, Reuben	Farmer	Fox
Bay, Howard	Teacher	Davidson
Christian, Curtis L.	Laborer	Lopez
Caseman, Jacob	Hotelkeeper	Hills Grove
Crawley, Elmer E.	Farmer	Davidson
Dorner, Philip	Farmer	Cherry
Eler, Luther M.	Farmer	Colley
Farrell, John F.	Farmer	Cherry
Gilbert, Jacob	Farmer	Forks
Heiber, William	Farmer	Cherry
Hileman, John Sr.	Mason	Dushore
Hazen, Walter	Teacher	Davidson
Kernan, William	Farmer	Ringdale
Lonie, John	Miner	Bernice
Miner, John	Laborer	Dushore
Martin, Bayard T.	Clerk	Dushore
Mosier, George	Farmer	Cherry
North, John	Farmer	Cherry
Pewterbaugh, John	Laborer	Forksville
Saxer, Newton	Farmer	Cherry
Streeby, George	Editor	Dushore
Weisbrode, Edward	Farmer	Cherry
Waples, John B.	Laborer	Bernice
Weisbrode, Walter	Farmer	Cherry

### Petit and Traverse Jurors.

Birdsall, Ward	Farmer	Hills Grove
Behr, Otto	Farmer	Lopez
Brey, John	Farmer	Hills Grove
Collins, William	Miner	Bernice
Donahoe, Thomas	Miner	Bernice
Dyer, A. B.	Lumberman	Lopez
Dewald, Harry	Laborer	Laporte Twp.
Dunlap, Vorell	Farmer	Hills Grove
Dunham, Clayton	Contractor	Eagles Mere
Emig, Philip	Farmer	Ringdale
Felton, M. L.	Laborer	Lopez
Fanning, W. H.	Merchant	Fox
Farrell, John	Carpenter	Dushore
Frankel, Max	Scaler	Laporte Boro.
Frailey, George	Laborer	Shrewsbury
Grove, Harry	Laborer	Davidson
Gavitt, Morgan	Farmer	Laporte Twp.
Hunter, G. M.	Laborer	Laporte Boro.
Hazen, George	Foreman	Davidson
Holla, Daniel	Miner	Bernice
Hawk, Robert	Laborer	Lopez
Jacoby, Herman R.	Farmer	Cherry
Kinchele, Samuel	Farmer	Cherry
Kunes, Edgar	Farmer	Cherry
Kilmer, Sylvester T.	Farmer	Elkland
Lorah, Daniel H.	Hotelkeeper	Davidson
McDonald, Michael	Farmer	Cherry
McDonald, John	Machinist	Bernice
Mulnix, John W.	Farmer	Elkland
Mayer, E. H.	Farmer	Dushore
Olson, Gust	Tanner	Jamison City
Osler, H. N.	Dentist	Dushore
Parr, William	Miner	Bernice
Pennock, Samuel	Supt.	Laporte Boro.
Starr, Charles	Merchant	Davidson
Saxe, Samuel R.	Farmer	Cherry
Shaffer, William	Laborer	Laporte Twp.
Stuart, Leroy	Machinist	Shrewsbury
Strickland, William	Janitor	Hills Grove
Shaffer, Samuel	Farmer	Cherry
Simmons, J. B.	Laborer	Davidson
Sick, John C.	Farmer	Cherry
Schock, Emory	Clerk	Lopez
Shaffer, Charles	Farmer	Forks
Watson, Charles B.	Miner	Bernice
Wilcox, Albert T.	Farmer	Forks
Wilcox, M. J.		Dushore
Yonkin, George Jr.	Farmer	Cherry

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