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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the nomination for the office of Sheriff of Sullivan County, subject to the Republican rules.

W. H. BIDDLE,
 Feb. 24, 1911. Elkland Township.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the nomination for the office of Sheriff of Sullivan County, subject to the rules of the Republican Party.

FRED W. SCHANBACHER,
 March, 1, 1911. Forksville, Pa.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the nomination for the office of Commissioner of Sullivan County, subject to the rules of the Republican Party.

FRANK STRICKLAND,
 March, 17, 1911. Hillsgrove, Pa.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the nomination for the office of Commissioner of Sullivan County, subject to the rules of the Republican Party.

A. A. LUDY,
 Mar. 24, 1911. Hillsgrove Pa.

An Interesting Campaign.

The coming campaign in Bradford county promises to be an interesting and exciting one. There is no dearth of candidates, there being as many as a half a dozen seekers after a single office. An amusing feature of the campaign is that a considerable number of candidates have not yet determined to which party they belong.—Bradford Star.

We wonder if these conditions are troubling any of our Sullivan County people. There were a few Keystone votes cast in Sullivan County at the last election, but the casters have been so quiet ever since we suppose they are trying to find to which party they belong. Does any one know how many of the present candidates asking for the nominations under the old parties were quietly voting the Keystone ticket last election?

Frank Strickland whose announcement we published last week for County Commissioner would seem to be on solid ground for election. With three commissioners to be elected, and each party having the right to vote for two only, at present, his election seems assured. Mr. Strickland has long resided in Hillsgrove and appears to be well spoken of in that locality.

Later developments make it necessary for us to again caution the voter to be careful in making promises to the first comer. It is true that it is the late worm and the early bird which usually meet, but that does not decide which one is the better—they are both looking after a living.

This issue contains the announcement of A. A. Ludy of Hillsgrove as candidate for the nomination for County Commissioner. Mr. Ludy is well known throughout the county as a man of ability and an earnest adherent to his party rules.

The number of assessed dogs in Sullivan County is 1,116; about one dog for every ten people. Of the unassessed there are about the same number except when the assessor is around.

Notwithstanding the talk in the legislature of changing the date of the primary election, there seems no likelihood of an agreement and the date of the next primary election is Saturday June 3 1911.

Killed In Mine Explosion.

Patrick Lynott, aged about 50, and Daniel Hoffa, about 35 years of age, lost their lives through the premature explosion of a charge of dynamite which they were putting in a rock in the Murray coal mine at Murraysville Sullivan county Friday of last week.

Lynott was instantly killed, and Hoffa lived about five minutes after being found.

The men were driving a heading, being at work about two miles under the ground, and at least 175 feet down. They encountered a wall of rock at least six feet in thickness and at once prepared to blow it out with dynamite so they could get at the coal. Just what happened will never be known, as no one knew of the accident until 10:30 Michael Carroll, the driver boss, opened the door to the chamber in which the men had been working and smelling smoke, started to close it, thinking that a charge of powder was about to be fired.

He heard a groan, and stepping inside the chamber in the dim light from his lamp, saw the two men on the floor, Hoffa lying across Lynott. Hoffa turned his head, and said, "bring my coat; I'm cold."

Carroll secured help and Hoffa was carried into the next chamber, breathing his last as they placed him in a comfortable position. Lynott was dead, and the indications are that he has been instantly killed. His clothes had been torn from his body, only his only his shoes remaining. One hand was blown off and his body was badly mutilated.

Hoffa was also badly cut up by the force of the explosion, but not as badly as Lynott.

An examination of the chamber showed that the men had drilled a hole in the rock and had placed in it 15 sticks of dynamite, enough to kill a thousand men had they been in the little chamber. In placing the explosive, it is believed they decame careless, struck the dynamite a little to hard, causing the explosion. Lynott must have received the full force of the charge. The unfortunate men were highly respected and their tragic fates will be mourned by hosts of friends. Lynott is survived by his widow and seven children, while Hoffa leaves a widow and one child.

The funeral services for Lynott were held Saturday, and Hoffa's funeral was held Sunday, the Improved Order of Red Men, of which he was a member, being in charge.—Towanda Review.

New Lumber Roads.

Plans have been completed for the construction of an eight-mile lumber railroad to connect with the Lehigh Valley at Lopez, Sullivan county. The Stony Brook Lumber Company is the builder of the new road. The road will be of standard gauge to accommodate the Lehigh Valley' cars. Surveys are now being made by Hiram E. Bull of Towanda.

The tract penetrated by the road contains 2,200 acres of virgin timber. It is expected that the tract will be a valuable source of traffic for ten or twelve years. In addition to the lumber the property includes valuable beds of clay which will be used in the manufacture of brick and tile.

Conference Appointments.

The following appointments of interest to our readers were made at the 1911 session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the M. E. Church held at Bloomsburg: D. L. Dixon from the Eagles Mere and Laporte charge, to Gatchellville; Ellis B. Davidson to the Laporte charge; Muncy Valley, John W. McAlarney; Harry L. Jarrett to Cross Forks; Thos. Ripple to Elysburg.

Spring is here and so is winter. Guess the weather man's been drinking mixed drinks.

The People Rule.

We hear a great deal now-a-days about the indifference of our representatives in the legislature and in Congress to the will of the people. The truth of the matter is, that it is very seldom that either body deliberately ignores the will of the people, and when they do they hear from the people at the next election. Two recent cases are the hunters license law, or gun tax, in the Pennsylvania, and the attempt to impose an odious tax on magazines in Congress. Public opinion in both cases, forced an abandonment of the scheme. Old Pennypacker, it is true, crowded through his press muzzler, but the next legislature promptly repealed it, and Pennypacker, today, could not be elected town pump in his own ward.—Canton Sentinel.

Correspondents should send in copy as early in the week as possible. Items should reach us not later than Wednesday morning. We invite any one in towns from which we are receiving no regular letter to send in interesting personal or items of general interest.

Advertise in this column.

A Card.
 Hillsgrove, Pa., Jan. 23, 1911.

To the School Directors of Sullivan Co.: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Schools. Respectfully submitted for your decision.

Election, Tuesday, May 2, 1911.
 J. Robert Molyneux, Hillsgrove, Pa.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Joe Atello, also known as Peo Quirri, late of Cherry Township, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same shall make them known without delay to

JAMES C. CAVEN, Adm'r.
 Mar. 17, 1911, Laporte Boro, Pa.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Margaret Taylor, late of Davidson Township, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same shall make them known without delay to

F. W. BUCK, Administrator.
 Feb. 27, 1911. Muncy Valley, Pa.

Davidson Township Audit.

Annual Statement of Road and Poor Account of Davidson Township for the year ending March 6, 1911.

| ROAD. | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Luther Martin, Collector. | |
| To amount of duplicate | \$2,557.72 |
| By amount collected within 90 days | \$1,050.85 |
| Rebate of 5% | 52.54 |
| Commission at 2% | 21.01 |
| Collected face of duplicate | 360.00 |
| Commission on same at 5% | 18.00 |
| Amount collected | 500.00 |
| Exonerations allowed | 47.10 |
| Balance uncollected | 481.44 |
| Land returns | 26.78 |
| | \$2,557.72 \$2,557.72 |

| George Kiess, Treasurer. | |
|--|-----------------------|
| To balance last settlement | \$ 756.43 |
| Rec'd from Luther Martin, Collector | 258.22 |
| Rec'd from Luther Martin, Collector | 792.63 |
| Rec'd from Luther Martin, Collector | 360.00 |
| Rec'd from Luther Martin, Collector | 500.00 |
| Rec'd from County Treas. Aug. 23, 1910 | 400.00 |
| Rec'd from County Treas. Feb. 17, 1911 | 800.00 |
| Rec'd from County Treas. March 1, 1911 | 549.20 |
| Borrowed from Laporte Nat. Bank | 1,000.00 |
| Orders redeemed | \$4,418.48 |
| Commission on same at 2% | 88.36 |
| Balance in hands of the Treasurer | 709.64 |
| | \$5,216.48 \$5,216.48 |

| Expenditures of Supervisors. | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| George Rea, Supervisor | \$ 172.00 |
| W. B. Snyder, Supervisor | 95.80 |
| M. J. Devaney, Supervisor for 1910 | 35.00 |
| Albert Myers, Supervisor | 28.15 |
| H. B. Armes as Pathmaster | 115.35 |
| Building new road above Muncy Valley | 245.67 |

| | |
|--|------------|
| Building concrete bridge above Sonestown | 729.26 |
| Paid Laporte National Bank | 1,000.00 |
| Paid interest on same | 30.00 |
| By regular work on road | 1,967.25 |
| | \$4,418.48 |

| In account with George Kiess as Collector for 1909. | |
|---|-------------------|
| Amount due from George Kiess | \$187.58 |
| Land returns | 15.03 |
| Exonerations | 147.82 |
| Amount due from George Kiess | 24.73 |
| | \$187.58 \$187.58 |

| POOR FUND. | |
|--|-------------------|
| Luther Martin, Collector. | |
| To amount of duplicate | \$ 629.00 |
| By amt. paid Geo. Kiess, Treas. | \$ 265.58 |
| Rebate of 5% | 13.27 |
| Com. at 2% on amt. col. within 90 days | 5.31 |
| By amt. collected face of duplicate | 80.00 |
| By com. at 5% for collecting same | 4.00 |
| By amt. collected | 125.00 |
| Land returns | 6.70 |
| Exonerations | 11.53 |
| Balance uncollected | 117.61 |
| | \$629.00 \$629.00 |

| OVERSEERS OF THE POOR. | |
|---|---------|
| D. H. Lorah and C. W. Speary. | |
| For auditing and house, year ending March 6, 1908 | \$ 9.00 |
| E. J. Mullen, Counsel Fees | 45.00 |
| Geo. Kiess, one day settling account | 2.00 |
| E. J. Boyer for keeping John Reese | 31.89 |
| Chas. Swank for keeping Josiah Reese | 10.00 |
| J. Laird and F. W. Buck, cost on Geo. Phillips case | 6.05 |
| Geo. Phillips, provisions and clothing | 5.00 |
| Wm. Robbins, cost on Geo. Phillips case | 6.12 |
| Philip Swisher, for keeping Craft children | 82.45 |
| Keeping Etta Rider and children | 77.45 |
| Mrs. William May, medical service | 42.00 |
| Keeping Mrs. William May | 258.70 |
| Danville Hospital | 273.75 |
| Wernersville Hospital | 52.14 |
| Keeping Mrs. Peter A. Swank | 48.99 |
| Keeping Hurst children | 70.47 |
| Cassie Wilson | 6.18 |
| D. H. Lorah, services as overseer | 52.90 |
| C. W. Speary, services as overseer | 32.00 |
| Costs on Ernest Thorp case | 24.06 |
| Keeping Gearhart Latemeyer | 203.65 |
| Wm. Robbins, hauling pallbearers | 2.00 |
| Keeping Anthony Rush | 214.14 |
| Torrence Bender, for burial of William Rider | 35.00 |
| Dr. C. D. Voorhees, medical services | 27.85 |
| D. H. Lorah, taking provisions to Geo. Phillips | 1.50 |
| J. W. Laird, cost on arrest of Peter Swank | 35.00 |
| Telephoning on same to Philadelphia | 1.00 |

| George Kiess, Collector of Poor Tax for Year 1909. | |
|--|-------------------|
| To amt. uncollected | \$130.32 |
| By land returns | \$ 15.89 |
| Com. on same at 5% | .79 |
| Exonerations | 44.79 |
| To amt. due from Treasurer | 68.85 |
| | \$130.32 \$130.32 |

| Geo. Kiess, Treasurer. | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Balance in hand of Treas. last settlement | \$1,215.16 |
| Rec'd from D. Dorsey, August, 1910 | 6.00 |
| Rec'd from County Treas. Sept. 14, 1910 | 200.00 |
| Rec'd from L. Martin, Col., Sept. 1, 1910 | 64.61 |
| Rec'd from L. Martin, Col., Oct. 1, 1910 | 200.97 |
| Rec'd from L. Martin, Col., Nov. 18, 1910 | 80.00 |
| Rec'd from L. Martin, Col., March 6, 1911 | 125.00 |
| | \$1,891.74 |
| By orders redeemed Com. on same at 2% | \$1,650.29 |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer | 208.45 |
| | \$1,891.74 \$1,891.74 |

| Financial statement for Road and Poor Fund, Davidson Township, year ending March 6, 1911. | |
|---|-----------------------|
| ROAD. | |
| Resources. Liabilities | |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer | \$ 709.64 |
| Uncollected tax due from Geo. Kiess: | |
| For 1907 | 121.74 |
| For 1908 | 136.41 |
| For 1909 | 24.73 |
| Luther Martin, 1910 | 481.44 |
| Borrowed from Geo. Kiess | \$1,500.00 |
| Borrowed from M. J. Phillips | 600.00 |
| | \$1,473.96 \$2,100.00 |
| Liabilities in excess of resources | 626.04 |
| | \$2,100.00 \$2,100.00 |

| POOR FUND. | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance in hands of Treasurer | \$ 208.45 |
| Amt. due from Geo. Kiess, 1909 | 68.85 |
| | \$277.30 |
| | None |

We, the undersigned Auditors of Davidson Township, do hereby certify that we did audit the said several accounts correctly and to the best of our knowledge and belief, as the same appears audited and here set forth in testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal this 7th day of March, 1911.

HARRY BASLEY,
J. WM. MORAN,
HOWARD BAY,
 Auditors.

McHenry Whiskey Overheated.

A fire which caused a loss of over \$1,000,000 and in which 17,000 barrels of whiskey were burned, occurred at the McHenry Distillery at Benton on Monday evening, when the largest bonded warehouse of the company burned to the ground. The fire was discovered about 7 o'clock and was beyond control in a short time. Fear of an explosion retarded the work of fighting the flames. The building was erected in 1907 at a cost of \$32,000 and was one of the most modern in the country. It was eight stories high. The reflection of the flames could be seen from all parts of the country, many thinking it a form of aurora borealis. The insurance carried on the building and stock of liquor was small.

Mrs. Gower, an aged widow living near Sonestown, suffered a stroke of paralysis on Monday afternoon. She was taken to the Williamsport hospital.

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AUDITORS' STATEMENT.

of Laporte Township for Year Ending March 6, 1911.

| Financial statement of Laporte Township Road Funds for year ending March 6, 1911. | |
|---|-----------------|
| To amount of indebtedness March 7, 1910 | 1625.86 |
| To temporary loan, 1910 | 500.00 |
| By amount paid during 1910: | |
| Temporary loan | 500.00 |
| Old debts | 825.00 |
| By amt. indebtedness Mar. 6, 1911 | 1800.86 |
| | 3125.86 3125.86 |

| Minard Peterman, Overseer of Poor in account with Laporte Township for year ending March 6, 1911. | |
|---|---------------|
| To amt. on hand last audit | 6.40 |
| To amt. received of George Karge, Collector | 179.98 |
| By bills paid: | |
| Elizabeth Emig (State hospital) | 68.75 |
| Glen Peterman (Rent) | 6.00 |
| A. H. Buschhausen (supplies) | 5.00 |
| Nordmont Supply Co. (supplies) | 11.00 |
| 7 days service @ 2.00 per day | 14.00 |
| | 186.38 186.38 |

| Harvey A. Hess, Overseer of Poor, in account with Laporte Twp. for year ending March 6, 1911. | |
|---|---------------|
| To amt. on hand last audit | 52.76 |
| To amt. received of George Karge, collector | 66.07 |
| To amt. received of E. L. Sweeney, Co. Treasurer | 50.00 |
| To amt. due H. Hess, Overseer | 22.25 |
| By bills paid: | |
| Glen Peterman (Rent) | 6.00 |
| Ernest Speary (moving and wood) | 7.00 |
| Nordmont Grange Store (supplies) | 1.50 |
| J. S. Harrington (shoes) | 1.50 |
| Nordmont Supply Co. (supplies) | 161.73 |
| 7 days service @ 2.00 per day | 14.00 |
| | 191.08 191.08 |

| Disbursements of Laporte Township Road Funds for year ending March 6, 1911. | |
|---|-----------------|
| To amount of orders drawn | 3526.26 |
| By work on roads | |
| Labor | 1155.53 |
| Team Work | 226.30 |
| By headmaster's service | 292.18 |
| By supervisor's expense | 95.00 |
| By shoveling snow | 49.13 |
| By repairs | 27.56 |
| Bridges and Culverts: | |
| Labor | 74.65 |
| Lumber | 113.71 |
| By Auditors | 188.36 |
| By Attorney | 4.00 |
| By tools and supplies | 44.50 |
| By postage and stationery | 3.35 |
| By Auditors' Statement: | |
| Publishing in 1909 | 7.50 |
| " 1910 | 5.00 |
| By debts paid: | |
| Temporary loan | 500.00 |
| Old debts | 825.00 |
| By interest paid | 75.85 |
| By watering trough | 3.00 |
| By janitor | 4.00 |
| | 3526.26 3526.26 |

| Michael Flynn, Treasurer of Road Funds in account with Laporte Township for year ending March 6, 1911. | |
|--|-----------------|
| To amt. received from Morgan Gavitt, Treas. 1909 | 207.14 |
| To amt. received proceeds of Temporary loan | 495.00 |
| To amt. received of George Karge, Collector | 1483.23 |
| To amt. received from E. L. Sweeney, Co. Treasurer | 1508.20 |
| By Orders Redeemed | 3526.26 |
| By Treasurer's Commission | 70.52 |
| By amount due Township | 96.79 |
| | 3693.57 3693.57 |

| George Karge, Collector in account with Laporte Township Road and Poor Funds for year ending March 6, 1911. | |
|---|-----------------|
| To amt. of Duplicates of Road & spec'l Road Tax 1907-08 | 1967.48 |
| To amt. due Township from last Audit | 136.68 |
| By amount paid, 5 per cent off: | |
| By rebate | 1322.87 |
| By commission | 39.99 |
| By paid (even) | 150.31 |
| By commission on same | 7.51 |
| By land returns | 16.86 |
| By commission on same | 8.4 |
| By exonerations | 29.02 |
| By amount due Township | 358.61 |
| | 2041.16 2111.16 |

| We, the undersigned Auditors of Laporte Township, having audited the foregoing accounts, find them correct to the best of our knowledge. | |
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| To amt. of Poor Duplicate | 476.87 |
| By amount paid, 5 percent off: | |
| By rebate on same | 211.20 |
| By commission on same | 10.39 |
| By cash paid (even) | 6.49 |
| By commission on same | 29.75 |
| By land returns | 1.49 |
| By commission on same | 4.21 |
| By exonerations | 2.21 |
| By due Township | 201.77 |
| | 476.87 476.87 |