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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1911.

The opposition press is out with its bucket of mud, appealing to passions and prejudices in behalf of its candidates. Vote the Republican ticket.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The County Commissioners are the finance committee of the county. For that office men of considerable business experience are needed. Their duties call them all over the county. They are not presumed to sit in the office to answer questions, in fact the office business is not one-tenth of their duties. They must inspect county bridges, have them painted and repaired when needed, let contracts for new bridges and see that non-resident poor are provided for and various other duties of like nature. This is an agricultural county and a majority of the board should be farmers.

John Male and Earl Rockwell, the Republican candidates, answer to these requirements. Both are farmers who know from experience what the Wayne county farmer has to contend with. Both have had experience in bridge building and repairing which gives them a knowledge of what such work is worth. Both are well acquainted with land values in this county, which will aid in adjusting appeal cases, which, by the way, the law specifies, must be held in the Commissioners' office.

The present board of commissioners have made an excellent record and Male and Rockwell are amply able to continue the work.

It is not safe for any Republican to give complimentary votes to the Democratic candidates. Vote for Male and Rockwell and make sure of two able men on the board.

When the present board of Commissioners came into office six years ago, succeeding a Democratic board, they found no money in the hands of the County Treasurer and a balance of \$14,300 against the county. That balance has been wiped out and there is to-day money enough on hand to pay two-thirds of the old court house notes. In the last three years the county has paid \$22,000 for good roads, has had two or three expensive murder trials, and new bridges are being passed by grand juries faster than they can be built.

The Herald proposes to elect a Democratic board of Commissioners who will make the assessment in violation of the law which provides that that duty shall be done by assessors elected in each township and borough. County Commissioners have absolutely no authority over any taxes except the county tax. They have no control over supervisors, overseers of the poor or school directors. These officers levy the road, the poor and the school taxes. All the Commissioners can do is to sit as a board of revision and adjust the inequalities that are brought to their attention or that they discover themselves. Vote for Male and Rockwell.

COUNTY AUDITORS.

All auditors should be men of more than ordinary ability. The auditors are the accountants of the county, and should have a general knowledge of bookkeeping and figures. It is something of a task to audit the accounts of Wayne county as they should be. Taking the figures as furnished by the Commissioners and Treasurer and compiling the county statement is not auditing. The books and vouchers must be compared, the collectors' accounts examined and verified and many other items of like nature, which shows the kind of men we should elect as auditors.

Wm. Avery and Leroy Gilpin, Republican candidates for auditors, are able to fill these requirements. Give both of them a vote.

WHAT IT COSTS FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The people of Wayne county will, no doubt, be glad to know something about the improvements made by the present board of Commissioners in the last six years. While there has been no increase in the county tax levy except a half mill for the purpose of caring for non-resident poor, large amounts have been paid for roads and bridges.

In addition to what follows, about \$5,000 was paid in 1906 for bridge work done in the former administration. The present board has constructed twenty-three new bridges, all except two of which have been made of stone and concrete. Steel floor beams have been placed in 18 old bridges and concrete floors have been put on five old bridges. The total cost of bridge work in the last six years will average \$10,000 per year.

The new bridges built are as follows: Cherry Ridge, \$554.70; Sterling, \$615; Laurella, \$1428.50; near Tyler Hill, \$481; Tanners Falls, \$629; Hauensteine's, \$1109; South Canaan, \$1075; Winterdale, \$914; Maplewood, \$723; Gouldsboro, \$1397; Indian Orchard, \$840; Salem, \$846; Freethys, Texas, \$3050.25; Starrucca, \$927; Starlight, \$813.78; Damascus, \$2168.75; Palmyra, \$1930; Hollisterville, \$1148; White Mills, \$724; Lookout, \$620; Forest City, estimated \$7000, new guard wall Beach Lake, \$660.50; Prompton, \$399, a total of \$30,042.48. The figures given include the contract price and all extras for guard walls and fills.

The following bridges have concrete floors: Bunnelltown, Ledyard, Hauenstein, South Canaan, Creamton. In addition to this about \$17,000 has been expended in repairing old bridges, replanking, steel floor joist, repairing abutments, guard walls, etc.

State roads have added a large item to the expenses of the county. The cost to the county of these roads are as follows:

Seelyville	\$1468.00
Dyberry-Bethany	1060.54
Mt. Pleasant	1432.34
Leligh	5763.32
Dreher	5146.18
Dyberry	2891.50
Total	\$17,762.50

Then the county had to pay \$4,998 for the Hawley-Wilsonville turnpike in order to make it free from toll. Adding that item to the cost of state roads makes the sum \$22,747.52 which with the money paid for building and repairing bridges amounts to \$74,790 for roads and bridges in six years.

SOME WHOLESOME ADVICE AND "DON'TS" FOR HUNTERS.

Be Game and Give the Game a Chance For Life—Great Danger.

With the hunting season at hand it is well to give a little advice that may be a great help to all sportsmen. Read and then cut out and read again before you venture in the woods.

Keep the hammers of your gun lowered except in case of actual need.

If the muzzle is placed upon wet leaves or mud see that it is clear

before using. Remember that even a sheet of wet paper over the muzzle makes the explosion of a barrel. In passing a fence place the gun on the far side first with the hammers lowered; place the gun through first, muzzle pointing forward. Never drag it after you.

If hunters are in brush and you on the outside never fire until you have ascertained accurately the position of men concealed by the scrub.

Never use smokeless powder, ballistite or any such explosive in a muzzle loading gun; it means a sure blow up and possibly death or injury

to you or some other person. The power of these explosives exerted toward the first point where air is met, in case of a muzzle loader at the tube.

Do not use the higher explosive in a cheap gun of any make.

Never carry a loaded gun into a car or house. Be sure to remove the charges before so doing.

Allow no man to point a gun at you even if you are certain it is not loaded.

Never fire in the direction of cattle, no matter if they seem out of range. A cow is easily wounded or killed.

Allow no man to hunt in your party who carries intoxicants along and take none yourself while carrying a gun.

While standing always keep your hands off the muzzle of your gun.

Do not shoot a rabbit in its "squat" unless it is in a bad position. Be sportsmanlike and give the game a chance for its life. It is all right to get the first one for "meat," but after that give all a run for life at least.

Never shoot into a covey of quail if found on the ground. You can get enough when they rise if you are a fair shot.

If you shoot a rabbit being chased by the hound of another offer him the game. The chances are he will not accept and you will make a friend.

Ask permission of the farmer before entering upon a neat piece of hunting ground. A kind word to him may be of value to you. Be sure never to shoot near a barn and respect the pigeons you may see there.

Read these little hints carefully and bear in mind for your own and your companion's protection. —Reporter-Journal.

Vote for W. D. B. Ainey for Congressman.

Guthrie is not announced as likely to appear in the district.

Some of the old line Democrats are inclined to sniff at the regularity of the nominee, Dr. O. H. Rockwell, who is suspected of being rather more Keystoner than Democrat. The fact that he is able to bring Berry and Henry C. Niles to the district rather supports this view, although the appearance of these two will hardly help Rockwell with the Democrats.

The election of Captain W. D. B. Ainey, of Montrose, the Republican nominee, is certain. He is not only a popular man but well known in the district and such men as State Treasurer C. F. Wright, Congressman C. C. Pratt and others are strongly supporting him.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

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