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NINE GOVERNORS WILL SUPPORT WM. TAFT

Tener, of Pennsylvania, Among Others, Gives Reasons—He Predicts His Re-election.
Washington, Feb. 28.—Nine Republican Governors of States of the Union to-day united in tendering their unqualified support to President Taft for re-nomination and re-election. They have unanimously joined in predicting that Mr. Taft will be re-elected in November and have said that he is to-day the strongest candidate the Republican party can nominate as its standard-bearer at the Republican national convention in Chicago, June 15. In this respect President Taft has gone Colonel Roosevelt one better, the latter having the indorsement of only eight Governors for his candidacy.

The executives, going on record in favor of the President's re-nomination are:
Eberhart, Minnesota.
Carroll, Iowa.
Hay, Washington.
Goldsbrough, Maryland.
Tener, Pennsylvania.
Hooper, Tennessee.
Spry, Utah.
Pennewill, Delaware.
Pothier, Rhode Island.

In addition to the signed statement, made public, the Taft managers claimed the support of Governors Deneen, Illinois; Oddie, Nevada and Mead, Vermont.
Governors Give Reasons.
The nine Governors who have come out for President Taft all take the position that his record entitles him to re-nomination and election. Following are the more striking extracts taken from the Governors' despatches:

Eberhart, Minnesota.
President Taft's administration, measured by all standards of accomplishments and fidelity to duty, entitles him to the indorsement of a second term, which I believe the inherent sense of fairness and justice of the American people will ungrudgingly give him.

Carroll, Iowa.
There is no justice in the opposition to President Taft. His administration has been clean and capable and in harmony with platform pledges. A just and righteous application of the square deal would accord his re-nomination without a contest.

Hay, Washington.
Few administrations can point to the enactment of so many wise and progressive laws as that of President Taft's. I feel it the duty of every true progressive Republican to support Mr. Taft for re-nomination and re-election.

Goldsbrough, Maryland.
It is my opinion that President Taft has given the country one of the best administrations in its history. I firmly believe that when the record of the Republican party under his wise leadership is fully made known to the people they will rally to his standard, re-nominate and re-elect him.

Tener, Pennsylvania.
In view of the able manner in which President Taft has conducted his office, the constructive and administrative achievements of his administration. I unhesitatingly predict his re-election.

Hooper, Tennessee.
President Taft is personally popular in Tennessee and his administration commands general public confidence. The State organization is loyally supporting the President and from present indications he will get the vote of Tennessee in the national convention.

Spry, Utah.
I am glad to reiterate my personal preference for Mr. Taft as Presidential nominee. I regard him as the most logical as well as the strongest man whose name has been mentioned in connection with the Republican Presidential nomination.

tial nomination. I am confident that Utah will send a Taft delegation to the national convention.

Pennewill, Delaware.
I am strongly in favor of President's Taft's re-nomination. His splendid record should insure his re-election by a large majority.
Pothier, Rhode Island.
President Taft is a safe man at the head of the nation. His administration has been able and statesmanlike in the broadest sense. His record entitles him to a re-nomination, in which event he should receive a most emphatic popular indorsement.

TO RESUME WORK ON ASYLUM FOR INSANE AT FARVIEW.

Scranton Firms Get Part of Big Contracts Let by State Commission.
On the advent of favorable weather the contractors will renew operations at Farview, and it is expected that by July 1 the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane, will be well along toward completion. Contracts approximating \$200,000 have been awarded and approved by the architect.
Work on the mammoth reservoir, power-house and laundry will be the first step. For the power-house and laundry, Carucci Bros., of Scranton, have the contract for the stone and brick work; Washburn and Williams of Scranton for the wood work; Rob and Son, of Wilkes-Barre, will install the electrical work; Lad and Co., of Philadelphia, will furnish the kitchen utensils; and the American Laundry company will install the steam heating plant and plumbing.

SITUATION IS GRAVE

In Old Mexico—President Madero Sends for Federal General—No Fighting at Present.
(Special to The Citizen.)
El Paso, Tex., Feb. 29.—Everything is quiet in Mexico. Revolutionists now occupy the city of Juarez, but there is no fighting. President Madero has summoned one of his generals from Rome to command the Federal troops. He sailed today for Mexico. This general is one of President Madero's first-class men, having previously won a victory in Mexico. The situation is grave in Mexico.

BIG STRIKE IN LONDON

Nearly One Million Join Strikers.
(Special to The Citizen.)
London, Feb. 29.—At 4 o'clock today seven hundred thousand miners of this city went out on a strike. By night it is expected that the number will increase to 1,000,000 miners.

HOUSE ON RECORD FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

Washington.—The House went on record Monday favoring the adoption of the eight-hour work day on all government work when a provision for such a limitation of the hours of labor was placed on the appropriation for the manufacture of armament in the Army Fortifications bill for the coming year.
The House made some progress on the Fortifications bill, which \$4,036,235 for the continuance of existing appropriations for construction and maintenance of the defenses of the continental and insular coast lines of the United States. This sum is \$3,182,664 less than the estimates of the War Department and \$1,437,472 less than the appropriation of last year.

COMING EVENTS.
A drama by the Hollisterville Dramatic Club will be presented on the evening of March 2 and March 4 at Hollisterville. The Lake Ariel Mandolin Club will furnish music between the acts. Admission 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. Curtain at 8 p. m.

The second quarterly conference of the M. P. church at Hollisterville on Saturday, March 9.

REMINISCENCES OF OLD TIME FIREMEN INTERESTINGLY TOLD FOR CITIZEN READERS

Stories of Men Who Have Been Faithful in the Performance of Their Duties—Many Have Been Long in Service.

All honor is due members of a volunteer fire fighting department. Upon several occasions members have endangered life in order to save property. Many times strong smoke and flames have driven the fire ladders back from their stations, upon a ladder or in the burning building, but again they have pushed forward and by continued efforts conquered the fiery red monster. Yes, life has been sacrificed, endeavoring to quench the flames, much to the sorrow of all.
The unpaid fire department is the most deserving of any and which, it is regretted, receives the most criticism. Those spectators who make recommendations at a fire are most generally the shirkers and are unwilling to take a hand for fear that they might soil their linen.
Honesdale's volunteer fire company is composed of a class of men who are not afraid to work. They have stood by their post until their

that he took the position March, 1875. The following year, September 13, 1875, he (Lyons) was elected, having served from 1875 to 1876 inclusive and continuously ever since. The A. M. Rtkinson steamer was followed by the R. W. Ham, which was purchased in Towanda about a quarter century ago. Engineer Lyons has always had full charge of both steamers and has faithfully performed his duties. During the winter of 1890 both fire engines were sent away to be repaired and a Jeffer's engine was shipped to Honesdale, while new boilers were being installed in the home steamers. Fortunately only a small fire occurred during their absence, but two days after their return April 12, 1891, the A. M. Atkinson and R. W. Ham made record runs. A fire broke out at the Erie pockets on the morning of the 14th of April and the R. W. Ham engine was run continuously from 4 o'clock Monday morning until the

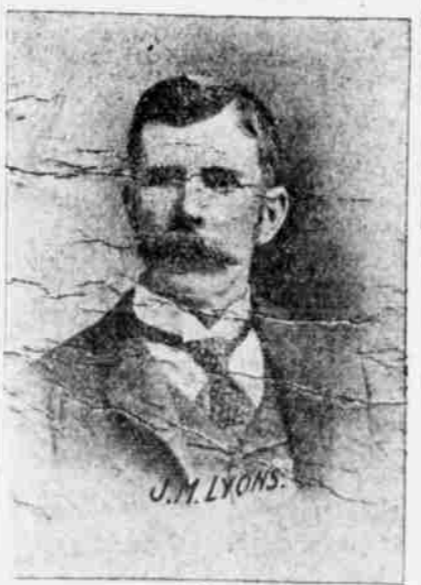


FIREMAN M. WHITNEY.

clothing is drenched and in many instances frozen upon their person. They have fought like heroes and through their heroic efforts much property has been saved and frequently lives made more secure. It is doubtful if there is a paid fire department in the State of Pennsylvania that can equal Honesdale's volunteer fire department when it comes to a "show-down" of actual work and test of endurance. Its members are well trained and some have worked many years side by side at different conflagrations.
Among the oldest members in active service of Protection Engine No. 3 is Calvin J. Brown, of High street, who joined the company March 2, 1870; then there is John M. Lyons of Park street, chief engineer, who became a member April 29, 1875. Major G. H. Whitney joined at the same time and was employed as driver of the steamers until about three years ago when he was compelled to retire owing to ill health, holding the reins over the

following Wednesday night. Engineer Lyons was on the job a larger portion of the time. His faithful assistants were Thomas Carroll, Julius Bussa and Howard Fitch. Engineer Lyons, who will round out his 37 years in March, stated to a Citizen representative that during this period of time he never had any trouble with the engines or experienced any delay whatsoever in getting up steam. Mr. Lyons is president of the Firemen's Relief Association, which office he has held since 1896. The association was organized December 27, 1895, when he was elected vice-president, and is also a charter member of same.
Thomas F. Carroll, who has been assistant engineer of the steamers under Engineer J. M. Lyons for many years previous to his going to New York City, is still retained as assistant engineer by Mr. Lyons and in his absence operates the steamers in connection with his brother, J. J. Carroll, who is assistant engineer of the company.

Shortly after the big fire of 1875 which destroyed the business block where the Katz Bros. store and the Joyce House now stand, the steamer Atkinson was bought and soon after its arrival at Honesdale the 6500-pound machine was hauled by members of Protection Company to a fire on Seventh street which originated in a house opposite Jacob's Hivery. The old hand engine was first on the scene and when the Atkinson arrived with a score of worn out men tugging. An amusing incident occurred at the time of this fire. When the Atkinson steamer arrived upon the scene the "double-decker" hand pump of Rescue Engine Co. No. 2 was stationed on the river bank near Beth Israel synagogue and the firemen were pumping for "dear life." After the new steam engine started up and threw a large stream of water upon the burning building, the old hand pumps stopped work at once, standing in awe and gazing in wonderment at the ease with which the water was pumped and thrown upon the fire. One after another deserted the old engine until it stood alone. The "double-decker" stayed there that night and several nights afterwards until the town council took action and removed it from the place.



J. M. LYONS.

teams for 35 years. He always was prompt, responding to every call of fire during these years. Mortimore Brandamore is the oldest living member of the company, having joined December 2, 1864. Mr. Brandamore, to within a year ago, had also been actively engaged, but on account of rheumatism was compelled to withdraw from fire duties. The other living members who have served twenty-five years or more were elected as follows: Wm. F. Briggs, May 10, 1876; Frank M. Hen, Sr., Jan. 8, 1877; P. F. Schler, June 9, 1884; E. F. Dudley, Fred C. Stoell, G. J. Mueller, April 12, 1884; Thomas F. Carroll, Sept. 14, 1885; W. J. Perber, June 4, 1886; W. G. Ball, August 10, 1886. Engineer Lyons, without a doubt, held one office and position longer than any other member of Protection Engine Company No. 3. From the time one of the rotary steamers was purchased in 1875, Mr. Lyons has had charge of the fire engines, being an expert engineer and mechanic. When the A. M. Atkinson steamer was bought it was claimed by William Mair that the company would have to pay an engineer \$1,000 per year to run it. He is credited as being first engineer, but Mr. Lyons claims that Mr. Mair secured him and

although has experienced two accidents. Many years ago he was chopping a hole in the roof of a house, located back of the old Gravity plane, when N. B. Shuman and assistant appeared from the opposite side of the roof with a line of hose. The force was great, Mr. Brown receiving a broadside shot which took him entirely unawares and planted his feet on solid terra firma. He was none the worse for his fall and after gaining his equilibrium climbed upon the building and again began the battle with the flames. On another occasion he fell from a ladder a stream upon the Isaac Ball fire, but fortunately was uninjured. Mr. Brown has always been one of the most active and hardest working men of the company, responding to the alarm day or night.



MORTIMORE BRANDAMORE.

at the long ropes other workers gave way to witness what the wonderful new apparatus would do. The steamer was run to the Lackawaxen river at the foot of the street and after a short space of time a stream was poured on the building, threatened with destruction. This new mode of fire fighting seemed marvelous at the time and after a few minutes active work the signal of "all out" was given. The roof was badly burned but the house proper was saved.

Mortimore Brandamore holds the record of being the oldest fireman in service of Protection Engine Co. No. 3. Last December he closed the 47th year of active service. Since he has been unable to attend fires. However, Mr. Brandamore was one of the workers and was always found at the post. When 17 years of age Mr. Brandamore was assisting in fighting a fire in what was known as the Blue Block. The conflagration was in a canal store run by Fred Harnet, now on the site of Lennon & Coyne's hotel, South Main street. He (Brandamore) was standing in the yard when someone threw a chair out of a window from the second floor. The leg of the chair hit Mr. Brandamore upon the head and he was rendered unconscious for 24 hours. Lockjaw developed and it was feared that he would not recover. Dr. Dwight Reed, who is still living in Honesdale and is hale and hearty, was called. Dr. Reed attended Mr. Brandamore and succeeded in saving his life. In an interview with a Citizen representative Mr. Brandamore stated that of the men who are still living, the following were members of the fire company in the early days: H. J. Conger, W. H. Ham, C. C. Jadwin, C. J. Brown, E. A. Penniman, George Foster, R. W. Brady, J. O. Terrell, Julius Bussa, M. Freeman, H. T. Menner, G. M. Genung, Otto Taebner, E. B. Hardenbergh, O. T. Chambers, H. Z. Russell, L. F. Bishop, all of Honesdale; N. B. Shuman, Montclair, N. J.; C. P. Matthews, R. J. Matthews, C. Brandamore, E. P. Kingsbury, of Scranton, and many more that he could not recall to mind were workers in the fire department.

Mr. Brandamore served in the capacity of first assistant foreman from September 6, 1871, to September 7, 1872, and second assistant foreman one year from October 10, 1893. He also served one year as a director of the Honesdale Fireman's Relief Association, which was organized 17 years ago. Mr. Brandamore is now living a retired life at his commodious home on River street.
Calvin J. Brown who joined the reorganized company of Protection Engine Co. No. 3, was a member of the original company, being one of the first three fire companies that Honesdale had. His membership with the old company dated back several years, his father, the late Thos. S. Brown, being one of the early members of the original No. 3. C. J. Brown stated to a representative of this paper that when the members of the old company wanted to call a meeting they would open a window, take the nozzle off the hose and blow through it, using it as a megaphone. Its siren tones vibrated upon the night air and the members responded, coming in large numbers. The method of calling, although very crude, was unique. On March 2, 1870, Mr. Brown was elected a member of Protection Engine Company No. 3 and has since given the fire department continuous service. During these years he has escaped serious injury

QUIET IN LAWRENCE

Federal Officers Arrive in City—Authorities Change Attitude Toward Strikers.
(Special to The Citizen.)
Lawrence, Feb. 29.—Commissioner of Labor Charles P. Neil arrived in this city today and started an investigation as to what caused the strike now existing in the Lawrence mills here. Other government officials accompanied Commissioner Nagel. The latter's presence is considered as being the first stepping stone toward a settlement. The police and other city authorities have changed their attitude concerning existing conditions since federal representatives made their appearance.

RICHESON VERY LOW

Murderer of Avis Linnell May Cheat Electric Chair.
(Special to The Citizen.)
Boston, Feb. 29.—Rev. Clarence V. Richeson is lying very low in the Charles street jail in this city and it is feared that he will cheat the electric chair. Richeson has refused food during the past two weeks and his physical condition has become weakened.
It will be remembered that Richeson confessed to the murder of Avis Linnell, a singer in the choir of which he was pastor of the church and on December 20 last attempted to commit suicide. He has gradually declined in health and it is feared that his mind is affected.

MINERS ARE HOPEFUL

Expect to Receive Increase—No Coal Stored in the Valley.
(Special to The Citizen.)
Scranton, Feb. 29.—The miners here are very hopeful that there will be no strike in the spring. The miners and operators who were in conference on Tuesday last adjourned until March 12.
In the meantime it is expected that they will give an answer to the miners whether or not they will allow the ten per cent. increase. The miners here believe, however, that they will be granted everything with the exception of recognition of the Union.
There is very little coal stored by the local companies here.

LARGEST STATE CROP REPORT COMPLETED.

(Special to The Citizen.)
Harrisburg, Feb. 29.—What probably will be the most complete crop report ever collated by the State Department of Agriculture is about completed by A. L. Martin, deputy Secretary of Agriculture, and will be sent to the printers in a short time. The report will cover not only the range of prices for commodities and approximately the yield of various farm products, but will also give facts about wages on farms.
Mr. Martin, who has compiled the crop reports for several years, enlarged the scope last Fall and added several additional inquiries to the blanks issued to the people in various counties for information.

WILEY MAY RESIGN.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, pure food champion, is seriously considering resigning his position as chief of the bureau of chemistry in the department of agriculture.
Admitting this in an interview tonight, Dr. Wiley said that while he has not yet determined to offer his resignation, it seemed that he could not be successful in his efforts to secure harmony as long as there was "incongruous elements" in the department.

Hotel Changes Hands.

I. W. Bunnell, proprietor of the Pleasant View Hotel at Pleasant Mount, has sold his hotel property to Steven Monahan, of Preston. Possession will be given on April 1. Mr. Bunnell will remain in Pleasant Mount for some time and look after the water works.

Is Made Deaf By Fall.

John Davis, of Milanville, met with a very painful accident recently, while engaged in building a road through the woods near that place. While engaged in the work he stumbled and fell in such a way that a stub of brush struck him in the ear and penetrated the ear drum rendering the man unconscious. His son, who was near him at the time, went to the Tullis house some distance away for assistance. Mrs. Davis and the son carried the unconscious man to the house where a doctor was called to look after the wound. It was noticed that the hearing of the man was affected and Mr. Davis went to Binghamton, N. Y., where he underwent an examination by an ear specialist, who found a clot of blood back of the ear. The unfortunate man will be deaf and it is feared that he may lose his eyesight also.

Superior Court Will Convene in Scranton March 4.

The Superior Court will meet in Scranton Monday, March 4, to hear appeals from Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Montour, Pike, Susquehanna and Wayne counties.
The list comprises over forty cases, larger than the average, and will entail four days' work.
Cole & Johns, the enterprising lumber men, have purchased a forty acre lumber tract of H. H. Bartholomay, in Clinton township.—Forest City News.

GREATER HONESDALE

THE MAN FROM MISSOURI IS SHOWN WHY.

Mr. Editor:—
I beg to take advantage of your generous offer to permit the expression of opinion for and against the annexation of Texas Township to the Borough of Honesdale. The Missourian who signs himself A BUTTER in last week's issue is entitled to be shown why he should come into the Borough rather than live in Texas Township. In the first place municipal government has many advantages over a township; it is needless to enumerate these advantages, but your correspondent seems willing to continue as a resident of Texas Township until he is convinced that some benefit will accrue to him by reason of his being annexed to the Borough. It is a known fact that from a commercial standpoint great benefits are derived from a large town over a small one. The value of real estate multiplies in accordance with the number of inhabitants in a town, this alone should be sufficient inducement for the residents of Texas township to become annexed to Honesdale.
Your correspondent fears he would have to pay more money; assuming this to be true, there would be no loss sustained, as he would get the worth of his money and more. People can live cheaper in a primitive state than in the thickly settled progressive towns and villages. Lanterns may be used instead of arc lights for the purpose of lighting people from place to place; this would be cheaper but do we desire the change? Boards of healths cost money, but they save lives and prevent the spread of contagious diseases; policemen cost money, but they more than pay us in the security we receive vast amounts of property and lives; they are good; we could not have them in the farm districts. The graded schools have become almost a necessity; it is difficult to have graded schools out side of municipal towns. These advantages more than counteract any objection which "A BUTTER" has or can offer. Besides these advantages there is a sentimental side in which people are proud to live in a large progressive town. This has been so through all the ages and will continue.
Should Texas come into the Borough it will be represented on the town council, on the school board and on every municipal body by which the people will be governed. Let us have Greater Honesdale.

ENTHUSIAST.