

BY THE WAY—

It takes a broad gauge man to vote for the public good when it affects his private interests adversely.

FOR A GREATER REYNOLDSVILLE.

The action of the Business Men's Association last night in deciding to make an appeal to the councils and citizens of Reynoldsville and West Reynoldsville to agree to a consolidation of the two boroughs into one, should receive the sanction of every citizen who has in view the best interests of the community as a whole. Whatever may have been the differences in the past, changing circumstances have brought about a condition of affairs which can best be worked out by the collective effort of the people of both boroughs. When the sentiment of the west side favored separate municipal existence fifteen years ago, it did not have before it the problem of erecting a costly school building, as it now has, nor had Reynoldsville the magnificent school facilities to offer to share it now has. Their was no expensive highway paving then considered, as should be done now, and the scattered homes did not require a sewage system, which closer building has since rendered advisable in some sections of the town.

In the fifteen years since, West Reynoldsville has had an excellent administration of local affairs, but its civic progress has been hindered by the comparatively low property valuation, nor will it ever be possible to make the public improvements named on the present valuation without imposing a tax levy higher than would be necessary by uniting the two boroughs.

The moment for action is opportune because West Reynoldsville is yet free from debt. After she has once incurred bonded indebtedness the hope of union on any mutually satisfactory basis would be gone.

While the problems of paving and sewerage might be put off for a few years, they must eventually come and should be well considered now.

It is inconceivable that West Reynoldsville can much longer avoid making permanent improvements. Its main roads should be paved. It is not merely a question of local pride; it is an absolute necessity that if the two boroughs are to remain the trading centers for the agricultural region surrounding, we must provide decent roads into the town. Other towns are rapidly recognizing the trade benefits of paved highways and straining every nerve to provide them. Winslow township is co-operating with Reynoldsville borough for public improvement in this way and West Reynoldsville, in fairness to itself and the public, must soon assume her share of the general work. This, even with state aid, will entail a debt of at least fifteen thousand dollars.

The construction of a sewage system may be delayed for several years, but in time must come, and with it another increase in the municipal debt of from five to ten thousand dollars. The school building with new furnishings would probably cost from twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars.

It will be seen therefore that the people of West Reynoldsville are confronted with necessary expenditures approximating forty-five thousand dollars. By the last census West Reynoldsville had a population of 774 and an assessed property valuation of about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. On this basis, the improvements named alone would impose a debt equivalent to thirty per cent of the valuation and

would mean a tax levy high enough to make their present seventeen mill tax look like an iridescent dream. This is a situation well calculated to make its citizens reconsider the decision of fifteen years ago that separate municipal existence meant economy. It does so only so long as public work is kept at a standstill.

Consolidation was once frowned upon on the ground of high taxation. The west side's only escape from it now lies in annexation to Reynoldsville borough. Their population is not large and there are not wanting indications that the community may even lose part of what it now possesses through changes in certain large business concerns already rumored. On the other hand, by annexation the needed improvements will just as surely be made and the burden of payment would be distributed over a population of six thousand instead of one, approximately; and over an assessed valuation of considerably more than a million dollars instead of about one hundred and fifty thousand.

The question of school accommodations is the most important that the west side has to deal with at present. It needs no argument to prove the economy of an arrangement which would enable West Reynoldsville to secure the benefits of Reynoldsville's schools and at the same time avoid the necessity of erecting a costly school building of its own. Aside from the original cost of a good building with equipment for a high school, a standard equal to that of Reynoldsville's could not be attained without tripling the present expense of maintenance. The addition of West Reynoldsville to the Reynoldsville school district would enable the local directors to provide even better equipment for the use of the consolidated schools. It has already been suggested that a primary school could be established on the west side, under control of the local superintendent and thus obviate the objection of distance for the younger students.

Politically the west side has nothing to lose by annexation. The interests of the two boroughs are identical and representation on the common council of the greater city would give guarantee of impartial legislation.

It is absurd that a community which is one in every respect—civic, religious and social—should be separated politically. It is for the true interests of both Reynoldsville and West Reynoldsville that they should unite in their efforts for civic improvement. It is patent to all that the larger the civic body working harmoniously the more can be achieved for the public good at the minimum per capita cost.

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J. R. HILLIS,
Executor.
Reynoldsville, Pa., Nov. 20, 1908.

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