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- For Congress, WILLIAM S. KIRKPATRICK, of Northampton. For State Senator, WILLIAM R. STROH, of Carbon. For Representative, WILLIAM B. KENWORTHY, of Milford. For Sheriff, JOSEPH D. BROOKS, of Delaware. For Coroner, ALFRED T. SEELEY, of Milford.

OLDEN STONE'S PLATFORM.

It will be my purpose when elected to so conduct myself as to win the respect and good will of those who have opposed me as well as those who have given me their support. I shall be governor of the whole people of the state. Abuses have undoubtedly grown up in the Legislature which are neither the fault of one party nor the other, but rather the growth of custom. Unnecessary investigations have been authorized by committees, resulting in unnecessary expense to the State. It will be my care and purpose to correct those and other evils in so far as I have the power. It will be my purpose while Governor of Pennsylvania, as it has been my purpose in the public positions that I have held, with God's help, to discharge my whole duty. The people are greater than the parties to which they belong. I am only jealous of their favor. I shall only attempt to win their approval and my experience has taught me that that can best be done by an honest, modest, daily discharge of public duty.

EDITORIAL.

WON'T Kesickles please send us the name of that leading Republican who says hardly anyone reads the Press? We want to present him with a chromo illustrating Numbers, xxii: 30.

THE people of Pike County, as a matter of self protection, should send a representative to Harrisburg who will at least be present to vote on important bills. Mr. Kessler, at the session of '97, was for the most part an absentee, and the record shows it. Where was he at?

THE Press contained last week a summary of both the general and special game laws for the information of the public and all concerned. Knowing that many would wish to preserve copies of the Acts so summarized we printed a number of leaflets, which any one may obtain by sending two red stamps.

CAN any Democrat assign one good reason why Hon. W. S. Kirkpatrick should not be returned to Congress. His career in that body has shown him to be a man of marked ability and he easily took

an enviable place among its foremost men. Of such a representative the district may well be proud and it should hasten to honor itself by making his re-election a certainty. Vote for Hon. W. S. Kirkpatrick.

IF the sportsman of this county prefer the closer season, and the more rigid provisions of the general game law of '97 to the more liberal special Act of 1878 for Pike County, they will vote for Mr. Kessler, because he voted for the general Act and did not ask to have the Pike County Act excepted from the repealing clause. If they prefer the Pike County law as it stood they will remember at the polls who aided in curtailing their privileges.

IF THE Republicans will make the effort W. R. Stroh of Carbon can be elected State Senator for this district. He is a young man of excellent habits fine business capacity and experience and a successful merchant. His training has fitted him to take that common sense and practical view of matters which is essential to a law maker. His election would redound to the credit and good judgment of the people and their welfare would be assured of receiving at his hands a careful and discerning consideration. Vote for W. R. Stroh.

THE PRESS ENQUIRES.

ARE the Democrats of Pike so opinionated, do our farmers so roll in wealth that we are anxious to return a man to the Legislature as their representative who votes that the State may take a large body of land and hold it for ever free from taxes, while he refuses by his vote to allow one of them to have a rebate allowed on the little forest land they may seek to preserve? Consider these acts of Mr. Kessler as affecting your pockets, as imposing a direct additional burden of taxation every bit of taxable property you own, and then if you vote for his return, your mouth must be forever closed so far as any complaint about your taxes is concerned.

DEMOCRATIC testimony is universal that Van der Mark is not a competent and proper person for sheriff of this county. This allegation is made by many of his party openly and without reserve. On the other hand there is not one word said against the fitness and capacity of his competitor Jos. D. Brooks. Why should there be then any hesitation among those who wish our offices to be filled by men of character and ability in voting for a young man who embodies these requisites. Fellow citizens for once consult your interests and the credit of your county and show by your votes that you are no longer under the thrall of the party 'ash, assert that independence of character and opinion which will mark you as men who knowing your best interests dare vindicate them by your acts at the polls. Vote for Brooks.

WIDER ROADS.

THE LATE accident on the road to Dingmans emphasizes the fact that for roads so much traveled by bicycles as are ours, they are too narrow. Not that any blame attaches to the driver for the recent unfortunate mishap, because, as we understand, he turned out as far as practicable, but after so doing there would not be in many places safe room for a rider, especially a lady, either to meet or pass. The widening of the road, too, would be beneficial to those driving wagons. The banks are of such nature that it can be easily done. A good team with a good road machine would rapidly do the work. Let it be done in early spring, and a new road-bed would be formed, which would be free from dust and mud for a season at least, and with a very few days' work the width of the highway, by cutting in the bank, would be materially increased. It is hoped that the Supervisors will give this matter attention, and thereby deserve the thanks and gratitude of the traveling public, besides greatly improving the condition of the highways in their jurisdictions.

SOME KESSLER VOTES.

TO FURTHER enlighten his constituents and those who are advocating the re-election of Mr. Kessler because of his valuable services rendered, we point out, among a multitude of like character, a few of his votes and absences, showing how faithfully he served the people. On the final passage of the bill reforming our road laws, and providing for the election of a Supervisor, he is marked absent, or not voting. On the passage of the bill to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors on Memorial Day he voted against the bill. On the final passage of the Game Law which repeals the Pike Co. Act he voted for

the bill. On the bill appropriating funds for the payment of the expenses of the Legislature at the unveiling of Grant's tomb in N. Y. he voted for the bill, which was afterwards vetoed by the Governor. On the bill to levy an additional tax on beer, ale and porter he voted yes, and this was also vetoed. On the bill to pay expenses in the contested election case of Saunders vs. Roberts, he voted yes, and this bill was also vetoed. On the bill to pay expenses in the Shiffer vs. Leh contested election case he voted yes, and this bill was vetoed.

OUR SONG BIRDS.

WHILE the game laws are sufficiently stringent in their provision to protect song and insectivorous birds, yet there seems to have been in the country a steady decline in their numbers, and to such an extent has this grown that in many places and States societies have been formed for importing them from foreign countries. Just why these birds diminish in numbers, or do not materially increase, has been a question, in view of the many attempts to protect them and prevent their destruction. They have many natural enemies but their greatest enemies may be found where their protection should be looked for; that is, with mankind. Wanton boys and careless young men too often take delight in the waste of bird life just from sheer recklessness, and robins, high-rollers and larks are often killed for consumption. We have recently heard of one youth in a neighboring township who killed over a dozen robins in one day, and there may be, doubtless, are many cases of killing, which are never known save by the perpetrator. Our forests are becoming depopulated of songsters, and the decrease in numbers of insectivorous birds lays greater burdens upon the farmers and fruit growers. It is remarked that insect pests seem to multiply beyond proportion, and that the life of the agriculturist and horticulturist is made miserable fighting them. Perhaps if they would insist that the birds be protected so that their numbers might be materially increased, these natural and industrious insect enemies would soon relieve them of many burdens and greatly increase their profit. The experiment of importing European song birds to Oregon has been recently tried with flattering results, and the forests of the Web Foot State, which formerly were silent wildernesses, now resound with the glad melody of their imported denizens. If the farmers, who perhaps are most directly interested, will not take the initiative in this matter, the ladies might form a society to bring about the prosecution of those killing protected birds. Such work would be a noble adjunct to their many good efforts and deeds of love and charity.

"A LAWYER'S LOGIC."

WE THANK our friend Mr. Kesickles, for suggesting such an apt topic for brief discussion. First, this facetious paragraph asserted that Kessler had rendered such valuable services to his constituents that they wished to demonstrate their appreciation by making his re-election unanimous. This statement was denied by the Press, and its originator challenged to point out one service, only one, which would thus entitle Mr. K. to be returned. He failed to do so, but went off into a paroxysm of humor. We supposed it was, for he so labeled it, and pointed to the Forestry bill, which Mr. Kessler had introduced the Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign. This was stigmatized by one of his fellow Democrats as a vicious bill for this County. I Kesickles, unfortunately, in slashing around, found he had hit his fingers against the wall, and the pain induced him to suddenly put them in his mouth. Here they remained until the ache had somewhat subsided, when he carefully withdrew them, and pointed to the appropriation clause in the road bill, inserted, he says, by Mr. Kessler. This is shown by the Record to be untrue, and the statement without shadow of foundation, unless, indeed, Mr. Kessler makes the assertion. Now for the logic. Mr. Kesickles began by making declarations totally unfounded, hence easily disproven, as he well knew they could be. He makes no effort to substantiate his assertions, but takes ground on other acts equally untenable, as he knows. Therefore, he simply points the way for the Press to expose the shortcomings and failures of our representative. He dare not, for reasons best known to himself, come out squarely as did Piko, but while pretending to point to Kessler's virtues, he really, behind a thin disguise of friendship intends to strike him down, and to accomplish this result he keeps conjuring chimeras, and calling them Kessler's acts. We

had not intended to expose this trick of I. Kesickles, but as he has demanded a show of hands and a sample of our logic we take pleasure, in accommodating him, and showing that his course has been pursued with the deliberate intention to belittle Mr. Kessler and render him an easy mark for the shafts of criticism.

IS THIS NOT TRUE?

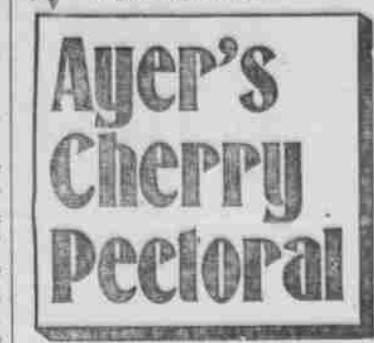
THE Press has maintained that our representatives from Pike County sent to the Legislature by a Democratic constituency, have been the greatest stumbling block to her material advancement and prosperity. With rare exceptions they have ever been active in schemes for their own profit at the expense of the taxpayers, and the history of this county, so far as her representatives is concerned, shows a systematic neglect of her welfare by them. The loss of the Erie rail way, the swindling of the people out of their rights in the bridge at Matamoras and the consequent burdening of our citizens with the excessive tolls of the Barret Bridge Co., the added difficulty in the way of building a rail way down the valley because of the loss of the bridge and connections the charter of the Blooming Grove Park Association, are all directly the work of those who were honored by our people with their votes, because they were Democrats. We do not say that Kessler could have prevented the passage of either the Forestry bill which takes our lands bought by the state out of the list for taxation, or of the general game law which repeals the special Act for Pike Co., and greatly shortens the open season, but we do say that he might have raised a protest especially in the former matter which would have evidenced that he was alert in the interests of our burdened and tax ridden county. He might have demanded in view of the deprivation of that source of revenue that a part at least of the ten thousand dollar bonus which the Erie Co. annually pays the state be diverted to the Treasury of this Co. as compensation for our loss in taxes on state lands. The Legislature did within a few years pass an act diverting a part of this sum to Pike county, which act was, for reasons then stated, vetoed by the Governor, but which now he might have signed. Kessler might at least have made some effort for our relief, but his utter failure to do so marks him as totally unfit to represent our interests. How do the people ever expect to obtain relief unless they take the opportunity to elect men to act for them who have the ability to do so. Kessler has demonstrated his utter unfitness and incompetency for the position of legislator, will the people afford him a further opportunity to sapinely neglect their rights.

WE HAVE FIGURED IT.

I, SICKLES says, among a lot of pointless trash, "By the way, has the Milford mathematician figured out how much Mr. Kessler saved the County by having the appropriation clause inserted in the Hamilton road bill?" Yes, we have figured it, and herewith present the result and ask the demonstrator of Mr. Kessler's legislative anatomy to gainsay our total. The Legislative Record speaks of Mr. Kessler's career in that body as follows: Kessler reported House bill No. 359. Kessler reported House bill No. 276. Asked leave of absence for Mr. Bliss. Asked leave of absence for Mr. Bliss. Bill No. 359 was from the Committee on Law and Order, of which Mr. Kessler was a member, and was to regulate the revocation of retail liquor licenses by the courts of Quarter Sessions of this Commonwealth, etc., which bill did not pass beyond second reading. House bill No. 276 was from the committee on Public Roads, of which Mr. Kessler was a member also (and the above are all the Committees he was on) and was an Act to fix the width of public roads in this Commonwealth, and on its final passage he is reported as absent or not voting. Bill No. 273, the Hamilton road bill, was reported by Mr. Sexton, and on its final passage Kessler is recorded as absent or not voting. Legislative Record, p. 1884. The bill provides that the Act shall not go into effect until one million dollars have been appropriated by Act of Assembly to be distributed among the several townships of the States in proportion to the number of miles of public roads in each township, and that no township shall receive more of State money than they raise by local taxation. Now the Record does not show anywhere that our representative ever opened his mouth on the bill. When it was up for special amendment the Record does not show that he either voted or was absent on the call to go into committee of the whole for special

It Hangs On

If it was only health, we might let it cling. But it is a cough. One cold no sooner passes off before another comes. But it's the same old cough all the time. And it's the same old story, too. There is first the cold, then the cough, then pneumonia or consumption with the long sickness, and life trembling in the balance.



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amendment. Where, then, is the evidence that he had anything to do with the bill, how did he save the County anything, and what is saved to the county by the bill anyway? We are discussing Mr. Kessler's "valuable services" as a representative. That is the point at issue, and all that the Press has asked so far is that they be pointed out. We say in answer to the problem presented by Mr. Kessler's mentor, Mr. Kessler did not have the "appropriation clause" inserted in the Hamilton road bill, and even assuming he did have the provision inserted, the appropriation has never been made, and the law is therefore inoperative. Hence his services in that matter, if he ever rendered any, which we deny, and which the Record does not show, have not saved the county one cent. The mathematical result, therefore, is that he saved the county - 0. Now, Mr. Kesickles, hunt another hole!

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Our candidate has held numerous offices of trust and honor among them being National Councillor of the Jr. O. U. A. M., which brought his name to the lips of hundreds of thousands of his fellow citizens throughout the Union. He has ever been a staunch defender of the public school system. This is the first time he has sought political honors, and taken all in all, Mr. Stroh's nomination, although unsolicited by himself, is a matter of general satisfaction to the voters of this Senatorial district. As he mingles among the people in his canvass, he adds new friends as the time for election draws nigh. He will pull a large vote. Put your mark after the name of W. R. Stroh. - Leighton Press.

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