

**Albert H. Heess,**

Prothonotary, Register and Recorder, and  
Clerk of the Courts of Sullivan County.

LAPORTE, PENN'A., September 15, 1915.

Dear ~~Friend~~ <sup>Family</sup>:

Just a word to you as a voter of Western Sullivan, the home of my boyhood; to those who have known me all my life, have had faith in me, and who have helped me and been extremely kind to me.

It was only after careful inquiry and investigation, in which I satisfied myself that there was a sentiment favoring my remaining here another term, that I again became a candidate for re-election. When considering it, my thoughts usually went back to the "Home Folks" and what they would think of it, and it was with many assurances that they would again give me the same loyal support that in 1907 resulted in my receiving 214 majority in the districts of Forksville, Elkland, Fox and Hills Grove, that I again confidently appeal to you.

For all this I have been deeply grateful and have conscientiously tried to render service and to conduct the work of the office in a manner to merit the confidence you have placed in me.

The duties, the cares and the responsibilities of this position are much more exacting than you probably realize, and it is for this reason that I have felt that I must remain here at my work while other candidates have covered the county soliciting your support.

During all the time I have been here I have not taken a day's vacation, and up to the present time can say that not a letter or piece of work has gone out of the office but has had my personal attention.

In 1907 I said to many that I believed a knowledge of law would be of value in this position. Experience has proven that this has been a great help to me, and I hope it has been of benefit to the people.

There is one matter to which it hardly seems necessary to refer, and that is to the fact that while I am busy every moment with the work of the office, campaign falsehoods are being spread far and wide. As an example, just to-day I have learned through two reliable sources that in Fox Township it is being told that I am DRINKING HEAVILY. This report is started far from here for the reason that it is known to all here, and to all who have been here during the past eight years, not only that I do not drink, but do not have a moment to spare for and do not frequent drinking places.

So far as time and strength have permitted, I have always tried to help and to accommodate the people of Western Sullivan, and cannot help feeling that when you come here to Court or on business that you would a little rather find me here than a stranger.

To those of you who are enrolled Republicans I ask for your support at the Primaries on Tuesday, September 21st, and if nominated [as I confidently expect to be], I appeal to all that you will discredit the stories of the campaign liar, that you defend me against those who would defame, and that you give me your support and help on November 2d.

Very truly,

*Albert H. Heess*