

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

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Members of the Senate of 1906.

Allegany County—JOHN B. SHANNON, Democrat—Frostburg.

John B. Shannon was born November 7, 1865, in Springfield, Hampshire County, West Virginia. His father was the late Justice Shannon, who served the people of his district in that capacity for over forty years. Some years ago Mr. Shannon was elected vice-president of the Maryland Shoe Company of Cumberland, and for several years he has been a director of the Leatherbury Shoe Company of Clarksburg, one of the largest wholesale shoe houses of West Virginia. His business career has been a remarkably successful one.

Senator Shannon has taken a great interest in political matters since his majority. For a number of years he has been the chairman of the County Committee of Allegany, having charge of the campaigns in that county. Some years ago the Democrats of Allegany, recognizing his great popularity with the people, nominated him for Register of Wills. He was the only Democratic candidate elected in that county. While some of the Republican candidates received as many as 1800 majority, he was elected by a majority of about 1200. He was the first Democrat elected in Allegany in fifteen years. The county had always been looked on as certainly Republican, with majorities ranging from 1500 to 2500. To overcome this majority and secure 1200 for himself shows clearly the esteem in which he is held by the citizens of Allegany.

It has been often said that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, but this is not the case with Senator Shannon. When a man running for political office is so highly esteemed as to draw from the opposition party several hundred personal votes for himself, he is considered a strong candidate. So that it will be readily admitted that one who draws several thousand from the opposition gives the very strongest evidence of the love and admiration of his fellow countians.

A man's immediate neighbors and friends are the ones supposed to know him best. When you find them rallying to him and standing by him regardless of political considerations, you are safe to conclude that he is a good citizen and entitled to the trust and confidence of all people.