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State Has No Money for Pensions
Nor Big Road.

Chairman of Appropriations Committee says
State Has But \$44,000,000 to Meet
Request for \$82,427,590.

Some of the large appropriation measures introduced in the present legislature, including Gov. Stuart's bill providing for a State highway connecting Philadelphia, on the east, with Pittsburgh, on the west, and carrying an appropriation of \$5,000,000; the Reymann soldiers' pension bill, with its accompanying appropriation of nearly \$3,000,000, will fail of passage because the present revenues of the State are insufficient to finance these projects. The defeat of these and many other appropriation measures is foreshadowed in an interview given out by James F. Woodward, of Allegheny, chairman of the house appropriation committee.

MR. WOODWARD'S SUMMARY.

It appears from Mr. Woodward's summary of the conditions that confront his committee that \$27,500,000 will be required for the general appropriation bill, as against \$25,500,000 required of the last legislature, that \$4,927,590 is asked for purposes aside from the Capitol Park extension, the public schools appropriation, soldiers' pension, highway across the State propositions and bills providing for the purchase of forestry reservations, lands, hospitals and homes, monuments and memorials and the improvement of waterways and other measures, which bring the total amount requested up to \$82,427,590.

To meet these demands there will be only from \$42,000,000 to \$44,000,000 available. Consequently it is easy to figure what is going to happen to many of the bills that have been sent to Chairman Woodward's committee.

\$15,000,000 FOR SCHOOL SYSTEM.

In addition to the appropriation to meet the fixed charges of the various State departments, about the only thing that is certain is that the committee will provide \$15,000,000 for the State's public school system. This is the amount given the schools by the last legislature.

In his summary of conditions, Mr. Woodward said:

ESTIMATES STILL TO COME.

"Up to date the estimates furnished by the various departments of the State government for the general appropriation bill amount to about \$24,000,000. There are yet to come to us for the general appropriation bill from the departments between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000. From present indications the general appropriation bill this year will reach about \$27,500,000 or the next two years.

"The items in this bill include appropriations for the executive department, the attorney general's department, the State treasury, secretary of internal affairs, department of health, State highway department, department of State, fish and game commission, department of mines, auditor general's department and the State police, as well as the salaries and expenses necessary to the conduct of the present session of the legislature, the judiciary and various other commissions and departments of the State government.

APPLICATIONS ALL AROUND.

"In addition up to date we have applications for \$54,927,590.32, which include the support of the national guard, appropriations for the care of the indigent insane, the various penal and educational institutions and reformatories, aside from the public schools, the Capitol Park extension bill, soldiers' pensions bill, and bills providing for the extension of the State highways, the purchase of forestry reservation lands, for the various hospitals, homes, etc., and for monuments and memorials and for the

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improvement of the various waterways of the State for protection from floods.

"This brings the request appropriations up to a total of \$82,427,590.32. The maximum amount which can be appropriated for these various purposes amounts to from \$42,000,000 to \$44,000,000, approximately one-half of the amount asked for. It will not be hard to figure that something is going to happen.

"There can be no cut in the appropriations for the fixed charges of conducting the State government. The things that the committee will first take care of will be the State's charitable and penal institutions.

"After that will be considered the question of good roads; then the various charitable, educational and eleemosynary institutions, and lastly, such propositions as monuments, memorials, etc., for which, it seems to me, there will be very little money at this time.

"Fifteen million dollars will be appropriated for the public schools of the State, the same as two years ago. What will be done with the proposed new State highway, the soldiers' pension bill, for which nearly three million dollars is asked, and the Capitol Park extension bill are yet matters to be determined by the surplus over compulsory appropriations. The road proposition is also a matter of careful consideration."

Claim To Burn Culm.

Company Says It Has Found Use for Coal Waste.

With strike rumors rife, which would necessarily mean a shortage in the supply of mined anthracite, the perfection of a plan to use culm as a substitution as perfected by the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, is announced. For years almost every coal company in the region has been experimenting with coal briquettes, but it remained for this company to claim a success.

The briquettes manufactured by this company are about the size and shape of an egg. They are composed of almost 90 per cent coal dirt, and about 10 per cent coal tar. Just what other ingredients are used in very small amounts is not announced.

The plant where these briquettes are manufactured is located at Hauto, Schuylkill county, and has a capacity of one carload a day, the output being shipped to Philadelphia. If these briquettes can be manufactured at a low cost it will mean that the culm, which for years has been thrown on the banks as useless, will become a valuable asset.

The Susquehanna shad fishermen have hopes of one more season's catch. It is understood that the ice and high water of the winter have damaged the cribbing at the McCall's Ferry power plant to such an extent that it will be possible for fish to pass through and swim upstream as far as formerly. It has been generally supposed that fishing for shad, salmon and bass above McCall's Ferry was at an end with the erection of the dam. The fishermen are overjoyed with the prospect of again being able to enjoy their favorite pastime. The fishermen near Shenk's Ferry and down the river between Wrightsville and the dam, are making an effort to have the power company postpone its repairs until the close of the fishing season.

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Pennsylvania Forests Endangered.

Prompt and Effective Legislation May Prevent Timber Famine.

The Pennsylvania Legislature has an opportunity to set a new high-water mark for the State of Pennsylvania in advanced forestry legislation by the passage of a bill introduced by Hon. Edgar R. Kiess, known as House Bill No. 226 and designed to "regulate the management of timber lands in the commonwealth for the purpose of preventing floods and droughts, conserving the water supply and securing favorable conditions of water flows." It delegates to the Department of Forestry the power to make and enforce reasonable regulations for the cutting of timber and for the occupancy of timber lands.

The bill will crystallize all previous state forestry legislation and make possible the actual conservation of the forests of the state. Startling facts concerning the depletion of the forests are being set forth by those active in urging the passage of the bill. The State Department of Forestry says that at the present rate of cutting, the supply of mature and merchantable timber in Pennsylvania will be exhausted within 8 years, and while the cutting of such timber is going on, there is still the same old-time disregard of the future value of young timber. It is being sacrificed with no regard to future needs. By the terms of the Kiess bill the State Forestry Department will have absolute power to say what timber shall be cut and what shall not. Such a bill will reflect in the highest degree the most advanced ideas of the principle of conservation now so prominently before the American people. Its passage is being urged by individuals and associations alive to the danger that threatens the state in the decimation of its forests and who appreciate the possibilities of checking by wise legislation their ruthless destruction. It rests with the people of the state to insist that the legislature take favorable action at its present session for the forests. It is not a matter of sentiment, but one affecting the material prosperity of Pennsylvania.

The April Lippincott's.

Spring has officially arrived, and all the earth is athrob with new life and renewed vigor. Even in reading matter the demand is now for something stirring, lively, with plenty of action in it. These requirements are admirably fulfilled by the April Lippincott's. Its most important feature is perhaps the complete novel, "The Clue," by Carolyn Wells. This is a detective story, and no better one has appeared in a long time. The plot is based on the murder of a young heiress on the eve of her wedding day, and the subsequent efforts to apprehend the guilty party. Various persons are suspected in turn, but not until the services of the detective, Fleming Stone, are enlisted is the mystery solved. Fleming Stone, by the way, figured prominently in a previous detective story by this author—"A Chain of Evidence," also published in Lippincott's Magazine. It is not too much to say that Miss Wells has never written anything better than "The Clue." The plot is markedly ingenious, the denouement unexpected, the characters ably drawn, and the whole tale brimful of action, keeping the reader's interest keyed up to the highest pitch. Yet while it is strongly dramatic throughout, the tale is not characterized by unrelieved gloom, a charming love story and many touches of humor serving to enliven it.

Among the short stories, August Kortrecht's "The Little Fat Skeleton" stands out prominently, being both novel and humorous. "Woman Disposes," by George Allan England, is another remarkable tale. Others worthy of special mention are "The Captain's Charm," by Anne Warner; "The Freight That Went South," by Caroline Lockhart; "Miss Cluny of Cartmel," by Will Levington Comfort; and "The Apparition," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Harvey B. Bashore contributes a serious but interesting paper entitled "In the Day of the Cave Men." This is the only special article in the number, except for three brief ones in the "Ways of the Hour" department—"The Western Story," by Ellis O. Jones; "A Fresh Calamity," by Clifford Howard; and "Open Faced Diplomacy," by Phil Collom.

Poetry by Josephine Morris Rowan, Caroline Wood Morrison, Dixie Wolcott, and Francis Marquette, and the sixteen-page humorous section, "Walnuts and Wine," complete the number.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of sundry writs of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be sold at public sale at the Court House in the Sheriff's Office, in the Town of Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, on

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1909,
at 2 o'clock P. M., the following described real estate:

All that certain piece, parcel and tract of land situate in the township of Sugarloaf, county of Columbia and state of Pennsylvania, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the Administrator of Daniel J. Sullivan late of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Penna. decessed, I, to and among the parties legally entitled thereto, will sit to discharge the duties of his appointment, at his office in the Town of Bloomsburg, on Friday, April 2nd, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day when and where all parties interested or having claims against said estate, must appear and present the same, or be forever debarred from sharing in said fund.

JOHN G. FREEZE,
AUDITOR.

March 9, 1909, t. a.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Please take notice that the undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the Executor of William L. Hurlinger, late of said county, deceased, to and among the parties legally entitled thereto, will sit to discharge the duties of his appointment, at the office of Fred Becker, Esq., in the First National Bank building, in the town of Bloomsburg, on Wednesday, March 31st, 1909, at two o'clock P. M., when and where all parties interested, or having claims against said estate, must appear and present the same, or be forever prevented from sharing in said fund.

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