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HARRISBURG, PA., MARCH 7.—In an address made to leading engineers of the state and the members of both branches of the legislature, Logan Waller Page, Director of the U. S. Office of Public Roads, to-night outlined a model law, which if adopted would give Pennsylvania the best, instead of the worst public roads in the country.

Considering its wealth and population Mr. Page asserted Pennsylvania has the poorest roads of any state in the Union. The total assessed valuation of property in this state and the total expenditure for public roads exceeds that of any other state, except New York, but there are 32 states in the Union which have a larger percentage of improved roads.

Mr. Page pointed out the benefits that score from improved roads, including increased land values, better facilities for transportation of farm and other products, increased population, improved schools, and better social conditions throughout the rural communities.

"There are," said Director Page something close to 20,000,000 acres of farm land in this state. The increase in the value of this land, resulting from road improvement would more than pay for the improvement of the main highways. Assuming one mile of improved road is built to each square mile of farming land, and that the increased value would be only \$5 an acre, the total increase from this source alone would amount to about \$100,000,000.

"According to the report of the Secretary of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania for 1900" he continued, "only 68 per cent. of the farms of Pennsylvania are improved, but with a system of improved roads practically all of the available farm lands in the State would be cultivated."

Mr. Page has been invited to address the members of the legislature in reference to the proposed law establishing a new State Highway Department, with a commissioner, deputies and an engineer in charge of the work. In his address, he came out flatly in opposition to the proposed change in the administration of the work of improving the roads, arguing that the changes that are needed can best be worked out under the present administration.

"If any change is to be made, however," Director Page said, "I would recommend a law providing for the appointment of a non-paid State Highway Commission, consisting of a dean or professor of civil engineering from each of the two leading universities or colleges of the State and one member to be appointed by the Governor."

"A commission thus constituted would have a majority of its members selected because of their training and engineering ability and without reference to their political affiliations, which would result in a non-partisan and technically competent commission. At the same time, the civilian member to be appointed by the Governor should bring to the commission the business ability and experience essential to the proper and economical organization and prosecution of its work. The fact that the appointments would carry no emoluments would remove them from the category of political preferment."

Director Page told the large gathering of legislators, engineers and others, that it was absolutely essential to progress, in the work of improving the public roads, that the present system of statute labor—that enacted from citizens in lieu of such taxes—should be abolished as soon as possible.

"If a change in the administration of the highway work is to be made at all," he said, "it should have as its object the elimination of all political influence and the establishment of a non-political State Highway Commission. The commission should be authorized to appoint a State Highway Engineer and fix his salary and the law should provide that he should be a civil engineer, skilled and experienced in road construction and maintenance.

"It is necessary, above all other things, that the State should maintain the roads improved with State aid and not turn them over to the county supervisors. My advice to you, therefore, is to pass a law requiring all road taxes to be paid in cash and providing that the present township system of working the roads be abolished."

Director Page advocated the use of convicts in preparing road materials, pointing out that free labor, instead of being discriminated against would be directly aided by receiving employment in building roads which, otherwise, might not be built. Moreover, he said, it would help solve the problem of keeping convicts employed.

The whole question, as Mr. Page

summed it up, is simply one of substituting scientific, business-like methods for those that invariably exist where politics dominate the situation. It is a big, broad, economic question, involving the greater prosperity of Pennsylvania, and he said he felt sure the members of the legislature would view it from that plane.

Needful Knowledge

Emporium People Should Learn to Protect the Approach of Kidney Disease.

The symptoms of kidney trouble are so unmistakable that they have no ground for doubt. Sick kidneys excrete a thick, cloudy, offensive urine, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding. The back aches constantly, headaches and dizzy spells may occur and the victim is often weighed down by a feeling of languor and fatigue. Neglect these warnings and there is danger of dropsy, Bright's disease, or diabetes. Any one of these symptoms is warning enough to begin treating the kidneys at once. Delay often proves fatal.

You can use no better remedy than Dean's Kidney Pills. Here's Emporium proof.

Mrs. J. M. Pepperman, Fourth St., Emporium, Pa., says: "My back was weak and lame and my kidneys were in bad shape. I had but little strength and was feeling poorly in every way when I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Taggart's Drug Store. They benefited me greatly and in return I heartily recommend them."

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A severe attack on school principal Chas. B. Allen, of Sylvania, Ga., is thus told by him. "For more than three years," he writes, "I suffered indescribable torture from rheumatism, liver and stomach trouble and diseased kidneys. All remedies failed, till I used Electric Bitters, but four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me completely." Such results are common. Thousands bless them for curing stomach trouble, female complaints, kidney disorders, biliousness, and for new health and vigor. Try them. Only 50c at all druggists.

The Use of Sexine Pills.

No man or woman who is nervous, weak or irritable, should fail to take Sexine Pills. The treatment costs only \$5, and is fully guaranteed. Sexine Pills make you strong and happy. Price \$1 a box; six boxes \$5, with money-back guarantee. Address or call on R. C. Dodson, Druggist, Emporium, Pa., where they sell all the principal remedies and do not substitute.

For Sale.

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Bogus Cloth.

What is Paint? Some people think anything labelled "paint" is paint, but there's a difference, just as much as between one kind of cloth and another. Cloth nine-tenths cotton and one-tenth wool, is bogus cloth. Cloth all wool wears to the limit. Paint at a price between 75 cents and \$1.50 is like bogus cloth. The L. & M. Paint is all wool and wears to the limit. There's a reason.

Our Agent is Harry S. Lloyd.

Bake Sale.

By ladies of M. E. Church, in Parson's Bazaar, Saturday Feb. 11.

Notice.

Our Whittemore Hill coal mines will be closed until Jan 1st, 1912.

JACKSON M. THOMAS.

For Sale.

A small cook stove, suitable for coal, wood or gas. Apply at PRESS office.

Wanted.

One pair of seconded hay scales to weigh 2,000 pounds or more. See Emporium Machine Company, Emporium, Pa.

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A Bradbury Piano (square) in good condition. Apply at PRESS office. 37-tf.

For Sale.

A four roomed house and lot, situated in West end Emporium borough. Apply to T. L. Wheaton. 4-2t.

Lost.

A locket engraved "C. B. C." on Fifth street, between Court House and East Ward School. Finder will please return to PRESS office.

Latest Popular Music.

Miss May Gould, teacher of piano fort has received a full line of the latest and most popular sheet music. All the popular airs. Popular and classical music. Prices reasonable. 44-tf.

For Sale.

Pure Bred R. C. Buff Orpington Cockerels, \$2.00 each. Eggs \$1.00 per setting of 13, are now ready for delivery C. L. BORTREE, East Emporium, Pa. 50-3m.

MARRIAGE IN CONGO REGION

How the Young African Native Courts and Weds His Dusky Ten-Dollar Bride.

A wife in the Congo region costs \$10. This sum is paid to the parents of the girl or to the man who owns her as his slave. The girl seldom has any voice in the matter. Sometimes, however, the couple wishing to be married make their own bargain and then it is an interesting business. The young man seeks to meet the darling of his dreams. But how and where are the questions that worry and puzzle him. Often he takes refuge in the home of the evangelist and gets him to write a note for him. He then goes out, cuts a stick and splits it at the top, puts the letter in the split and hurries to get a carrier.

When it is delivered he stands around to see how it is received. If it is favorably received a nice pot of food is cooked and sent to him. The parties are then considered engaged. A man can have as many wives as he can buy. I saw one man, a king, who had 40. The marriage feast is a ceremonious affair with the heathen. If the groom is wealthy all of the drums, horns, bells, musicians and dancing masters are hired to do the bride honor. All of the luxuries of the tropics, according to the native ideas, are in evidence at the feast. I have known them to have a hundred pots of food at a single wedding supper.—Southern Workman.

NOT IMPORTANT



Lodger—How dared you lose my letter. Landlady—Don't worry, I read it and it was not interesting.

POSSUM BREEDING.

Mr. Le Soeuf, curator of the Sydney Zoological gardens, has proposed the breeding of opossums in Queensland on systematic lines. The skin of these little furry animals has become so valuable that unless some protection is accorded possums may soon become extinct. Mr. Le Soeuf would select, he says, a site sheltered from the westerly winds, as possums like protection from the cold while they are feeding. They do not like to be disturbed, either, by the winds shaking the branches while feeding. The land should be fenced with six-foot galvanized iron to keep them from climbing or jumping over.

PROTECTION FOR REVELERS.

In Copenhagen, as in Amsterdam, provision is made for the safe conveyance home of inebriated revellers. When a policeman in the Danish capital finds an intoxicated man wandering at large he places him in a cab and takes him to the nearest police station, where he is examined by a doctor and then sent home in the cab. The following morning the bill for the doctor and the cab is sent to the publican who served the man with his last drink.

WHOOPIING COUGH CURE.

"Will you please give mother a nut to put a spider in, as baby's got the whooping cough." This extraordinary request was made to a Tiverton shopkeeper this week by a little girl whose mother believes that if she imprisons a live spider in a nutshell and ties it round her infant's neck the whooping cough will disappear when the spider dies.—London Daily Mail.

QUICK CHANGE.

"That girl was the apple of my eye until—" "Until what?" "Until I found she was a lemon."

HIS PREFERENCE.

Bacon—Do you like grand or comic operas the best? Egbert—Oh, comic operas, by all means; I think they're grand!

NO MORE QUESTIONS ASKED

First One at Irish Home Rule Meeting Started a Riot and Sent Questioner to Hospital.

When a noted Irish orator was in America a few years ago he appeared at a meeting in St. Louis and delivered an address on the subject of "Home Rule for Ireland." There were 6,000 of his countrymen in the audience. At the close of his remarks the chairman asked: "Would anyone like to ask the speaker a question?"

A man in the rear of the hall, who was quite evidently under the influence of liquor, arose and said: "Will the gentleman tell me if there is any reason why the Irish should not be wiped off the face of the earth?"

Immediately a pandemonium reigned. The disturber was attacked from every quarter. Calls of "Down with him!" and "Let me get at him!" came from all directions. Finally he was rescued by the policeman and, torn and bleeding, and in an unconscious condition, was placed in an ambulance which had been called. Order was in a measure restored. While the audience could still hear the clatter of the ambulance and the sound of its gong as it conveyed its burden to the hospital, the chairman stepped forward and asked:

"Would anybody like to ask another question?"—National Monthly.

THE QUESTION



She—I don't think much of her. He—Don't say that, for her face is her fortune. She—Indeed! Self made or inherited?

HOW OLD ARE THE BIG TREES?

An age as great as 5,000 years has sometimes been ascribed to the giant trees of California. The latest figures seem to indicate that such estimate is very much exaggerated. One investigator, who counted with great care the rings of a tree felled in 1853, and which was fully 24 or 25 feet in diameter, so that its stump served as the floor of a dancing pavilion, states that the rings numbered 1,147, and that that number would represent the age of the tree in years. The authority gravely doubts whether any of the existing trees approach the age of 2,000 years.

FEMINE CURIOSITY.

Her husband was a merchant and one day while down town she dropped into his office. "What are all those books on top of the safe?" she asked. "Those are the day books, my dear," he replied. "And where are the night books?" she queried. "Night books?" he echoed in surprise. "Yes," she rejoined. "Those you have to work on at night sometimes, when you are kept here until two o'clock in the morning."—London Opinion.

LITTLE FLATTERER.

Mme. Melba, in an interview in New York, replied to a reporter's compliments: "I am afraid you are a natural flatterer—like the children, you know." "A Sunday school superintendent was once telling me about the beautiful, almost involuntary flattery of little children. He said he asked a class of little girls: "Whom ought we to love best?" "A little girl answered softly: "Our superintendent, sir."

CUT OFF THE WEDDING.

He—Tomorrow, darling, is our wedding day. She—Yes, and it's bargain day at Silkman's, too. Isn't it just too aggravating!

Council Proceedings.

Proceedings of meeting held Monday evening, March 6, 1911.

Members present—Messrs. Haupt, Hilliker, Howard, Mullin, Cummings, Pearsall, and Norris, President.

Members absent—Messrs. Mumford, and Cramer.

Mr. Hilliker presented his certificate of appointment, properly executed and upon motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Mullin, same was accepted and the new member was installed as a representative from the East Ward.

The minutes of the preceding meetings read and approved.

The Secretary of the Emporium Board of Health reported that 38 inspections and notices to abate nuisances were served during the month; also one case of diphtheria.

Moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Haupt, that the report of the Board of Health be accepted and placed on file. Carried.

The following bills were read. Pay roll for month of Feb:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Dan Shuggart, John Fleming, Owen Nangle, etc.

Moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Cummings, that bills be read as read. Carried.

Ayes and nays were called. Ayes—Messrs. Cummings, Haupt, Howard, Hilliker, Mullin, Pearsall and Norris.

The reports of the Burgess showing \$3.00 fines and \$8.00 in licenses collected was read and upon motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Mullin, was accepted and ordered filed.

Moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Haupt, that consideration of the paving ordinance relating to the paving Fourth street be held over until the next regular meeting. Carried.

Upon the president vacating the chair at this time, Mr. Hilliker acted as president.

Moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Norris, that the motion of Mr. Mullin at the meeting of Feb. 6th, relating to the Emporium Theatre be amended to read \$50.00 per year instead of \$25.

Moved by Mr. Mullin, seconded by Mr. Pearsall, that the amendment be amended to read \$35.00 instead of \$50. for moving picture shows.

A vote was called upon the amendment and the members voted as follows: Ayes—Messrs. Cummings, Haupt, Hilliker, Mullin, Pearsall. Nays—Messrs. Howard and Norris.

A vote was then called upon the motion as amended and. Ayes—Messrs. Cummings, Haupt, Hilliker, Mullin, Pearsall. Nays—Messrs. Howard and Norris.

Regarding the suggestions made by the Board of Health, relative to the installing of the closets in the Look-up, same was referred to the sewer committee.

Moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Mullin, that the Chief of Police be instructed to rigidly enforce the anti-spitting law. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Mullin that the Treasurer, Secretary and Chief of Police be re-elected to serve the ensuing year at the same salary as last year. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mullin, seconded by Mr. Pearsall that traveling theatrical shows shall pay a license of \$2.00 for a one night stand and for more than one night \$1.00 additional for each night. License for minstrel shown shall be \$3.00 and \$2.00 for additional nights where more than one performance is given.

Ayes—Messrs. Cummings, Haupt, Howard, Hilliker, Mullin and Pearsall. Nays—Mr. Norris.

Moved by Mr. Mullin, seconded by

Mr. Haupt, that consideration of the license for moving pictures for the opera house be laid over until next regular meeting. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Pearsall, that an order for \$75 be drawn in favor of the Treasurer for yearly salary. Also salary due the Secretary.

Ayes—Messrs. Cummings, Haupt, Howard, Hilliker, Mullin, Pearsall and Norris, President.

The President appointed Mr. Hilliker member of the Sewer Committee. Council then adjourned.

C. E. CRANDELL, Secretary.

Pianos.

The W. J. Frederick Music Company, of Williamsport announce that they have for sale an elegant line of pianos. Twenty-five makes to select from, among these are the Chickering, Knabe, Hardman, Strich and Zeidler also the Estey and many others. For further information address Mr. Thomas J. White, 187, Centre Street, St. Marys, Pa.

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A Fierce Night Alarm

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Keep your carriage or buggy looking bright and new with a can of the L. & M. Carriage Varnish Paint in various colors.

Its cost is small per can.

One can make a buggy look as fresh as though just from the maker.

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She is so doesn't know how to choose meats for a critical husband. The experienced housewife will tell her that our meats are always reliable, tender, juicy and a fine flavor, and those who depend on us for the choicest meats, poultry and game will never be dissatisfied when they buy at

Alex. MacDougall's

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