

TOWNSHIPS GET STATE ROAD FUND

The Highway Department Will Soon Certify to Auditor General Bonus Amounts Due

WILL TOTAL \$1,883,470.40

Rural Districts Must Expend Equal Sum on Roads as is Given by State—Amounts Apportioned to the Counties.

Harrisburg.—The State Highway Department will soon begin arrangements to certify to the Auditor General the amounts of the township bonus which are due to the various townships of the State for the years 1910 and 1912. The total amount appropriated by the last Legislature for this purpose was \$1,873,470.40, and it is to be expended during the next two years for the deficiencies due the townships for the years 1910, 1911 and 1912.

The disbursements which are to be made at once amount to \$929,335.20. Of this sum \$727,375.34 is for the year 1912. This leaves \$944,135.20 of the total appropriation, which will be paid to the townships during the year 1913, and represents the exact amount due the townships for the year 1911.

No payments will be made to townships which have not filed annual reports with the Bureau of Township Highways of the State Highway Department. These reports should be filed annually on or before January 1, but a number of townships have not, as yet, filed their reports for the year 1916.

The total appropriations made under the operations of the various township bonus laws have been as follows:

1907	\$150,000
1909	500,000
1909*	295,000
1911	500,000
1911*	690,000
1913	250,000
1913*	1,000,000
1915*	1,500,000

* Deficiency appropriation. The total disbursements to be made in each county are as follows:

Adams	\$13,378.79
Allegheny	11,255.78
Armstrong	15,842.31
Beaver	12,849.42
Bedford	16,169.00
Berks	33,772.34
Blair	8,801.28
Bradford	27,859.94
Bucks	21,852.07
Butler	12,092.57
Cambria	9,048.00
Cameron	2,237.16
Carbon	4,739.01
Centre	15,082.31
Chester	31,915.69
Clarion	18,919.93
Clearfield	17,847.39
Clinton	7,329.52
Columbia	10,891.26
Crawford	16,124.08
Cumberland	18,288.72
Dauphin	10,597.90
Delaware	1,718.53
Elk	7,389.43
Erie	21,628.02
Fayette	10,467.74
Forest	5,146.30
Franklin	18,567.59
Fulton	3,667.04
Greene	18,237.72
Huntingdon	12,404.72
Indiana	23,797.46
Jefferson	12,865.30
Junata	7,290.71
Lackawanna	7,149.78
Lancaster	37,170.24
Lawrence	9,407.59
Lebanon	10,132.69
Lehigh	13,734.32
Luzerne	14,173.13
Lycoming	17,511.47
M. Keen	8,668.07
Mercer	9,610.22
Mifflin	6,480.31
Monroe	11,897.87
Montgomery	16,270.85
Montour	5,951.85
Northampton	13,649.70
Northumberland	12,643.68
Perry	7,698.03
Pike	6,778.31
Potter	12,881.00
Schuylkill	13,484.15
Snyder	6,633.75
Somerset	26,130.55
Sullivan	8,662.96
Susquehanna	18,822.33
Tioga	19,297.90
Union	6,622.36
Venango	14,347.66
Warren	12,818.67
Washington	20,818.67
Wayne	18,692.28
Westmoreland	18,047.48
Wyoming	9,112.22
York	36,170.72
Total	\$929,335.20

Adulteration at Minimum. Violations of the State's laws regulating ice cream and soft drinks have been fewer this year than in the last two years, according to officials of the State Dairy and Food division of the Department of Agriculture, who have been going over reports. The ice creams contain what the State laws require in regard to butter fats, except in rare instances, and as for the non-alcoholic drinks, the reports show that the statements on the labels are pretty close to being as the act demands.

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

Chester county peaches are ripening, and the crop promises to be a fine one in most sections.

Buckingham farmers concluded at their meeting that it still paid to keep stock on the farm, for the manure.

Miss Agnes Crane, a young Main Line domestic, is in jail at Norristown, charged with the death of her infant child, which was born at the Hallahan home, in Ardmore, about a month ago.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company in its endeavor to solve the shortage of labor problem, which is handicapping service, added two female gate tenders at Delano. Both are single.

Reine Counihan, aged 11 years, daughter of Superintendent Frank G. Counihan, of the Gallatin mine of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, and her cousin, Delorus McMullen, 15 of Meyersdale, were drowned while bathing in the Monongahela River at Gallatin.

Petition for a perpetual injunction to restrain the building of a bridge across the Susquehanna between Watsonson and White Deer by Northumberland and Union counties was filed in Union county, a few minutes before a meeting of the contractors was to be held. One bid was offered by a Scranton firm, asking \$631,081 for 16 spans of reinforced concrete, or twice the amount of the estimates.

Never in the history of the mining industry in Westmoreland county has such prosperity been enjoyed by the men who bring the dusky diamonds from the earth.

A valuation of \$7900 was placed on 170 war gardens in Baggaley, Westmoreland county, by good judges who inspected them.

Nearly 1500 persons attended the funeral of Ruth Braham, the Plainfield girl drowned while canoeing on the Conodoguinet Creek.

A new \$150,000 addition to Carlisle's churches will be erected by Grace United Brethren congregation.

Declaring that Elias Moore, a former resident of Milton, loaned \$800 to a friend before he died on November 22, S. Z. Moore, of Lancaster, advertised for the friend to turn up and turn the money over to the widow, who is in need. According to S. Z. Moore's statement it is known that the money was loaned to a friend, but there is no receipt to be found and he is using the advertisement as a Diogenes' lantern.

It cost the taxpayers of Chester county more than \$1300 for the maintenance at the House of Refuge, at Glen Mills, for the past three months. Harvesting in the Lehigh Valley is four weeks later this year than in previous years because of the cold spring.

Two boys, riding on the same bicycle, were killed when they were struck by a heavy automobile truck of the Lackawanna Railroad at Scranton. The boys, William Polichak, 12 years old, and Joseph Brozchak, 14 years old, were almost instantly killed. The driver of the truck was held in \$2000 bail.

Physicians at Carlisle have advanced prices 25 per cent. Altoona Lodge of Elks has given \$1700 toward the fraternity fund of \$1,000,000 for hospitals.

A tiny good luck horseshoe made by Charles Gorsuch, of Martinsburg, Blair county, is carried by General Pershing.

Within the past eight days 77 young men in Reading enlisted in various branches of the army. Only 12 years old, Weston S. Ely will be enrolled in the Reading Boys' High School in September.

Maurice E. Crosby, of Battery C, phoenixville, swam four miles from Back Rock locks to Oak locks in three hours and 45 minutes.

Company E, Fourth Regiment, Harrisburg, has four pairs of brothers in its ranks: Captain Lewis A. and Lieutenant Ivan Loy, Private John and Samuel Bolton, Irwin and Raymond Dissinger and John and William Long.

The State Police Department will enlist 25 men out of 40 applicants for the Wyoming troops.

Jolted from a wagon when the horses bolted because of the noise made by the "cut out" of a passing automobile, Mrs. William S. Penny-packer, of Parkersford, aged 60, suffered a broken neck and skull and died almost instantly. Her enfeebled husband was driving the team.

Bryn Mawr Community Centre has set up a loom in the Center House, to teach the young folks of the neighborhood the fine art of weaving things.

Between the hours of 7 in the morning and 5 in the afternoon, the miners of No. 14 colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, at Port Blanchard, produced and prepared for market a total of 8,000 tons of coal. No such record has ever before been equaled in the anthracite region.

A band of automobile gypsies held up Joseph Nein, Leesport, in his blacksmith shop and robbed him of \$9.

There are no known heirs to the \$3600 found on the body of Isaac Susskind, a peddler, in a barn near Zionsville.

By decree of President Judge Cummings, filed in the Northumberland County Traction Company at Sunbury, city has a membership of 32 and 15 of is ordered sold, unless a mortgage of \$4,000.00 is paid in 10 days. The Philadelphia Trust Company is trustee for the bondholders. Sale is ordered to be made in Philadelphia.

JAPAN WARNED BY PRESIDENT

Must Divert Her New Ships to War Uses.

NO STEEL UNLESS SHE DOES

Shipping Board Prepares To Commandeer All American Tonnage. Britain To Recall Ships Loaned To Allies.

Washington.—The imperative need of ships in the trans-Atlantic service was disclosed in indications that the Shipping Board is preparing to commandeer all American tonnage and in an order issued by President Wilson which has the effect of cutting off steel exports to Japan unless Japanese vessels are diverted to war uses.

The Shipping Board probably will announce a commandeering program within a few days. It will call for the requisitioning of ships under authority recently given to the President by Congress and probably will include arrangements for turning the vessels back to their owners for actual operation. The Government, it is said, has no desire to operate the vessels itself, but through control of charters can direct trade routes and at the same time can lower ocean freight rates. Coastwise tonnage and vessels taken off South American runs to be put to carrying supplies to Europe probably would be replaced in large part by neutral ships.

The British and American Governments have about reached an agreement for a joint control of all the world's tonnage and the Shipping Board's move toward commandeering is a preliminary step in that arrangement. Under the plan the United States would operate most of the neutral tonnage and Great Britain would have under its control allied ships. The arrangement would be used also to bring down freight rates.

Great Britain is about to recall British ships that have been put at the disposal of her allies. Continued sinkings are said to have made it necessary that every British vessel be used in supplying the British people and armies.

The President's instructions, which will bring Japanese ships into the Atlantic, were issued to the Division of Export Licenses, and provide that no steel or iron products shall go to Allied countries unless they are to be used for actual war purposes or will contribute directly to prosecution of the war. Japan has been a large buyer of American ship plates and has been building up a great merchant fleet. About 4 per cent. of her tonnage is in the Atlantic and the remainder is carrying Pacific cargoes at extremely high rates.

The Shipping Board has just put into operation its control over coastwise freight rates and will begin within a short time to hear complaints. It has no power to fix rate schedules, but on complaint, can order specific rates cut if they are found discriminatory.

FOR BEEFLESS TUESDAYS.

Hotel Men Also To Curtail Wheat Bread—Will Cut Out Icing.

Washington.—Resolutions to make every Tuesday a beefless day and to inaugurate systematic measures to curtail consumption of wheat bread, butter, sugar and young animals' meat were adopted by the Food Administration's hotel and restaurant committee, whose membership includes the proprietors of many of the country's leading hotels and restaurants.

The steps decided on include use of at least 10 per cent. of some other kind of flour besides wheat in making wheat bread and rolls; featuring of corn and rice cakes in place of wheat cakes; substitution of fowls, fish, vegetables and fruits for heavy meats wherever possible, and elimination when practicable of the icing of cakes and of the use of cube sugar.

TO COMBAT PRUSSIANISM.

German-Americans Form Organization in Chicago.

Chicago.—The organization of German-Americans of revolutionary stock of 1848 to protest and work against the Prussian militaristic caste was announced by Otto C. Butz, who acts as sponsor for the movement in Chicago. Similar organizations will be effected in New York, it was said. According to Mr. Butz, many Americans of German descent abhor the Prussian system of frightfulness which has found expression in the Zeppelin and the U-boat warfare.

MUST TEACH CITIZENSHIP.

Law Passed By the Massachusetts Legislature in Effect.

Boston.—An act passed by the last Legislature, making it mandatory for public school teachers to instruct their pupils in the duties of citizenship, went into effect Wednesday. The law contemplates the establishment of miniature cities and states within the schools in order to give the boys and girls training in the actual workings of government.

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THE MARKETS

NEW YORK—Wheat nominal.

Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 yellow, 32.37 1/2 c f New York, to arrive.

Oats—Spot firm; standard, 91 1/4 @ 92c.

Butter—Unsettled; Creamery higher than extras, 39 1/4 @ 40c; creamery extras (92 score), 39; firsts, 37 1/4 @ 38 1/2; seconds, 36 @ 37 1/2.

Eggs—Irregular; fresh gathered extras, 38 @ 39c; extra firsts, 36 @ 37 1/2; firsts, 33 @ 35; seconds, 29 @ 32; State, Pennsylvania and nearby Western hennerly whites, fine to fancy, 44 @ 45; State, Pennsylvania and nearby hennerly browns, 40 @ 42.

Cheese—Firm; State, fresh, specials, 21 1/2 @ 22; do, average run, 21 1/4.

Dressed Poultry—Dull; chickens, 18 @ 26c; fowls, 15 @ 25. Live poultry easy; chickens, 23 @ 25; wheat, 20.

PHILADELPHIA—Wheat—There were no offerings on the spot and the market was entirely nominal. Quotations are omitted.

Corn—Western No. 2 yellow, \$2.30 asked; do, No. 3 do, nominal; do, No. 4, do, nominal; do, No. 5, do, nominal.

Oats—No. 2 white, 93 @ 94c; standard white, 92 @ 93; No. 3 white, 91 @ 92; No. 4 white, 90 @ 91.

Butter—Solid-packed creamery, fcy, specials, 43c; extras, 41c; extra firsts, 40c; firsts, 39c; seconds, 38c; nearby prints, fancy, 45c; do, average extra, 43 @ 44; do, firsts, 41 @ 42; do, seconds, 39 @ 40; special brands of prints were jobbing at 48 @ 51.

Eggs—Nearby firsts, \$10.80 per standard case; nearby current receipts, 10.50 per case; do, seconds, 9.45 per case; Western firsts, 10.80 per case; do, firsts, 10.50 per case; do, seconds, 9.45 per case; fancy selected, carefully candled eggs were jobbing at 43 @ 44 per dozen.

Cheese—New York, full cream, fancy, new, 22 1/4 @ 22 1/2; specials, higher, do, choice, new, 21 1/4 @ 22; do, fair to good new, 21 @ 21 1/4.

Live Poultry—Fowls, as to size and quality, 22 @ 23c; roosters, 16 @ 17; Spring chickens, not leghorns, plump, yellow-skinned, weighing 1 1/2 @ 2 lbs apiece, 28 @ 30; smaller sizes, 25 @ 26; leghorns, 20 @ 24; ducks, Peking, 19; do, Indian Runner, 17 @ 18; pigeons, old, per pair, 25 @ 28; do, do, young, per pair, 20 @ 22.

BALTIMORE—Wheat—Contract opened dull and lower; soft 2 red, \$2.16 nominal. Trading inactive, but prices hardened on higher Chicago advice.

Corn—Sales included 500 bu. No. 2 white, domestic, in No. 2 elevator, \$2.25; 400 bu. No. 2 yellow, domestic, No. 2 elevator, \$2.15; 50 bu. No. 2 mixed, domestic, No. 2 elevator, \$2.15; car No. 2 yellow, spot, \$2.14; car No. 1 mixed, track, Locust Point, \$2.13.

Oats—Standard white, 92c; No. 3 white, 91.

Rye—Bag lots, as to quality and condition, new, \$2.60 @ 2.20.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$19.50 @ 20; No. 2 do, 18; No. 3 do, 14 @ 16; light clover mixed, 17 @ 17.50; No. 1 clover mixed, 16.50; No. 2 do, 12.50 @ 14.50; No. 1 clover, 16; No. 2 do, 12 @ 13.50; No. 3 do, \$8 @ 10.

Straw—No. 1 straight rye, \$15.50 @ 16; No. 2 do, 14.50 @ 15; No. 1 tangled rye, 12 @ 13; No. 2 do, 10.50 @ 11.50; No. 1 wheat, 8 @ 8.50; No. 2 do, 7.50 @ 8; No. 1 oat, 10 @ 11; No. 2 do, 9 @ 9.50.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 40c; do, choice, 38 @ 39; do, good, 36 @ 37; do, prints, 40 @ 41; do, blocks, 39 @ 40; ladies, 35; Maryland and Penna. rolls, 34; Ohio rolls, 33; West Virginia rolls, 33; storepacked, 33; Md., Va. and Pa. dairy prints, 34.

Eggs—Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 32c; Western firsts, 32; West Virginia firsts, 32; Southern firsts, 31.

Live Poultry—Chickens—Old hens, 4 lbs. and over, 22c; do, do, small to medium, 21; do, do, White Leghorns, 21; old roosters, 12 @ 13; spring, 2 lbs. and over, 28; do, 1 1/2 to 2 lbs, 26 @ 27; do, smaller, as to size, 24 @ 25; do, White Leghorns, 24 @ 25. Ducks, spring, 3 lbs. and over, 21 @ 22.

Potatoes—Western Maryland and Pennsylvania choice, per bu., \$1.10 @ 1.15; Eastern Shore Maryland and Virginia, do, 1.10 @ 1.15; new, native, do, 1.05 @ 1.15; Eastern Shore primes, bbl., 2.50 @ 3.75; do, do, culls and No. 2s, do, 1.50 @ 2; Rappahannock primes, standard bbl., 3.25 @ 3.75; do, do, slat bbl., 3.00 @ 3.25.

Live Stock

CHICAGO.—Hogs—Bulk, \$14.85 @ 15.85; light, \$14.65 @ 15.85; mixed, \$14.55 @ 15.95; heavy, \$14.35 @ 16.00; rough, \$14.35 @ 14.55; pigs, \$11.50 @ 14.50.

Cattle—Native beef cattle, \$8 @ 14.15; Western steers, \$8.50 @ 11.60; stockers and feeders, \$6.10 @ 9.15; cows and heifers, \$5.25 @ 11.80; calves, \$9.25 @ 13.50.

Sheep—Wethers, \$7.50 @ 10.75; ewes, \$7 @ 9; lambs, \$9.25 @ 16.50.

KANSAS CITY.—Hogs—Bulk, \$15 @ 15.75; heavy, \$15.70 @ 15.95; packers and butchers', \$15.30 @ 15.85; lights, \$14.75 @ 15.60; pigs, \$12.50 @ 14.25.

Cattle—Prime fed steers, \$12.75 @ 13.90; dressed beef steers, \$9.75 @ 12.50; Southern steers, \$7.00 @ 11.50;

cows, \$5.50 @ 9.50; heifers, \$7.50 @ 12.75; stockers and feeders, \$6.25 @ 12; bulls, \$6.50 @ 8.50; calves, \$7 @ 12.50.

Sheep—Lambs, \$14.25 @ 15.10; yearlings, \$10 @ 11; wethers, \$8.50 @ 10.00; ewes, \$7.50 @ 9.50.

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Cattle—Choice, \$11 @ 11.75; prime, \$12 @ 13.75.

Sheep—Steady; prime wethers, \$10 @ 10.50; culls and common, \$4.50 @ 6; lambs, \$10 @ 15; veal calves, \$14 @ 14.50.

Hogs—Prime heaves, \$16 @ 16.05; mediums and heavy Yorkers, \$16.05 @ 16.10; light Yorkers, \$15.50 @ 15.75; pigs, \$15 @ 15.25; roughs, \$13.50 @ 14.25.

NEWSY ITEMS.

Clocks in England were put forward one hour, beginning April 1.

The disciples of Jesus, we are told in Acts XI, 26, were first called Christians at Antioch on the Orontes, about A. D. 43.

The weekly output of British machine guns during 1915-16 was more than 14 times what it was during 1914-15.

Durnig a recent period of the mass movement toward Christianity in India, the Christian population, increased at the rate of 5,000 a month.

New York produces more apples than any other State. The five leading varieties are: Baldwin, Greening, Northern Spy, Ben Davis and Tompkins King.

The manufacture of toys for British children is to be encouraged as a Canadian industry. A collection of the toys most in demand in England will be sent to Canada as samples.

According to recent press reports, the paper factory at Maracay, Venezuela, has recently resumed operations. It is stated that a satisfactory grade of paper will be made from native grasses. The product is not yet on the local market, but users of newspaper and wrapping paper hope that this enterprise will afford relief from the present high prices caused by the war.

Consul E. Verne Richardson reports from Moncton, New Brunswick, that standing field crop competitions will this summer be conducted in Kent county under the auspices of the Provincial Department of Agriculture. These competitions will cover one acre each of buckwheat, potatoes, turnips and wheat and will be open to the members of the 16 agricultural societies of the county. Substantial prizes are to be awarded in each class.