

COMMISSIONERS AFTER \$60,000 LOAN

To Meet Current Expenses and Outstanding Notes

A BIG INDEBTEDNESS AHEAD

New Bridges to be Built—Repairs to the Court House Necessary—Maintaining Condemned Turnpikes Will Mean an Immense Expenditure

On Wednesday the County Commissioners filed a statement in the Prothonotary's office setting forth the financial condition of this county and the necessity of raising funds to meet outstanding claims, many of which are now due. This was found necessary, and is in compliance with an Act of Assembly. According to this statement they find the county liable for the following sums, inherited as unpaid bills from the former Board:

An award of \$3,100 for the condemnation of the turnpike in Pennsylvania from Old Port to Woodward.

Due on the Soldier's Monument at the Court House, \$2,500

As there are no funds in the treasury to meet current expenses and a large number of bills are coming in from various sources, that were carried over, immediate funds are necessary. There will be little or no funds received before October from collectors and it is estimated that \$8,900 will be needed to meet current expenses until then.

In addition to the above there are notes outstanding aggregating \$45,000 which are due, and must be met.

All this aggregates about \$60,000, for which a loan will be made at once at 5 per cent, and for different periods, as they think same can be met.

By increasing the millage from 3 to 5 mills it is thought that a large portion of this debt can be cancelled in the next two years. At the same time it must be remembered that some extraordinary expenses may arise.

Four new iron bridges are needed along the condemned turnpike in Pennsylvania, and some will be large structures. A new bridge at Hubbard's crossing between Centre and Clinton counties may prove an expensive structure.

Some extensive improvements are necessary about the Soldier's Monument, also the exterior and the interior of the Court House.

If the Act of Assembly, passed last April, can be enforced, compelling the County Commissioners to maintain condemned and abandoned turnpikes in the county, more money will be needed for road building in Centre county in the future than probably all other items now amount to. There are near a hundred miles of such old turnpikes, and in every section the people will be clamoring for the county to build better roads than the districts themselves would maintain. It will necessitate the purchase of engines, stone crushers, road rollers, scrapers, wagons, carts, horses, harness, tools, etc. Everybody who drives in a rut over a bank, or sustains the least injury from any imaginary neglect will be instituting suits to mulct the county out of excessive damages. Endless litigation will follow. In the end the people will pay the bill and the roads will cost more than under the present method. While the people in some parts of Pennsylvania imagine they will be exceptionally favored by such method of maintaining old turnpikes, they should remember that there is a network of such abandoned roads in the county, and especially in the Bald Eagle valley, and almost every township will get a slice.

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A Sad Death.
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A number of witnesses were heard and found that death had been caused by acute alcoholic poisoning. Rider, who was not sound mentally, was twenty-one years of age on March 22. He started out to celebrate the event and was helped by persons who furnished him with alcoholic drinks in such a quantity as to cause his death.

Dog Finds Body Under Ice.
The body of a man, almost hidden beneath the ice on the First Fork of Sinnemahoning, was discovered by a dog a few days ago. The body proved to be that of Elmer Hagerty, aged 40 years, a woodsman, who has been missing for a month or more. Boys residing near were walking along the creek when their attention was attracted by the barking of their dog, a short distance away. Going to where the dog was the boys found the animal pawing at the ice, and an inspection by them disclosed the body of a man nearly hidden under the ice.

A Bachelor's Surprise.

Hiram Delaney, a bachelor farmer of English, Ind., received eight babies, ranging from two weeks to one year old, as a present from unknown persons Friday night. Delaney answered a call at his door and found the infants sleeping on a comfort spread on the porch. A scrawl told him: "These are your own, care for them." He denies ownership, and will turn them over to the county. Delaney lives with his mother, who thinks the case blackmail.

A square meal is handy to have 'round.

NEW ADV. RATE.

The value of advertising space is estimated upon the extent of circulation. In the past ten years this paper has enjoyed an increase from three to five hundred new subscribers annually. In consequence we have had a variety of contracts on our books, and to overcome this inequality a uniform advertising schedule was prepared which goes into effect with this issue, and will be strictly maintained for the ensuing year, to April 1907. All advertisers have been notified by letter of this rate and will be charged accordingly. This rate is based on a guaranteed circulation of over 4600 copies each week. The following is the new schedule:

SPACE	1 wk.	1 mo.	3 mo.	6 mos.	1 yr.
1 inch.	\$.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00
2 inch.	1.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	15.00
3 inch.	2.25	6.00	9.00	12.00	35.00
5 inch.	4.00	10.00	15.00	21.00	45.00
10 inch.	7.00	17.00	25.00	35.00	75.00
20 inch.	10.00	25.00	35.00	50.00	100.00
30 inch.	15.00	45.00	70.00	90.00	150.00
120 inch.	35.00	90.00	135.00	180.00	300.00

(Column—20 inches in length)

The above are minimum prices, and apply to continuous plain display, run of paper. Extra price for solid reading. Difficult composition charged extra. Copy for advertisements must be in the office before Monday evening to insure its appearance that week.

Shows, medical, transient, etc., advertising extra. Where advertisers vary in the amount of space, or use space irregularly, the above schedule will not apply, and a rate will be given consistent with the service.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS: 10 cents a line for first insertion, and 5 cents for each subsequent insertion.

Administrators' and Executors' notices \$2.50 each.

Auditors' notice, minimum price \$2.25. LOCALS: No local readers placed in local column; elsewhere one a line and not wanted.

"Cards of thanks," "resolutions of respect," "obituary poetry," positively barred from the paper.

All copy for advertisements is subject to the publisher's approval. No advertising position given among reading matter.

It is a pleasure to show our subscription list to the public.

This is the cheapest advertising rate in Centre county. On this basis one column for a year costs \$125 for 4600 circulation, which is:

Less than \$ 30 for 1000 circulation.
Less than 60 for 2000 circulation.
Less than 90 for 3000 circulation.
Less than 135 for 4000 circulation.

You can not secure an inch of advertising in any other paper in Centre county at this low rate.

A TEST OIL WELL.

Some property owners out in Boggs township are of the opinion that it would be a good investment to sink a well in the vicinity of the Divide to see if there was any oil or gas underneath, or coal formations. Yesterday F. L. Shope from that section was in our office and informed us that he had the plans complete for the erection of a derrick and an expert driller ready to drill if financial aid could be secured.

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Look At It Now.

All persons who remitted to us on subscription during the month of March will find credit given for same, by a change of date on their label this week. Look at it now and in case you detect an error, notify us at once.

A LION'S WILD DASH FOR LIBERTY

A Big African Lion Brakes From His Cage In Pittsburg.

CREATES A PANIC ON STREETS

With Thunderous Roars the "King of Beasts" Startles a City -- Kills a Horse--Run Over by an Automobile --Many Narrow Escapes.

On Tuesday J. S. Hoy, of Madisonburg, was in Bellefonte, on his way home from a visit to friends at Pittsburg. He gave us a description of a panic caused by an escaped lion. He was an eye witness, therefore the following which occurred last Saturday is a true story:

Crized by pain and humiliation in being bested in a terrific encounter with his mate, "Major," the big African lion, who for 10 years has been a familiar figure in the lion house in Highland Park zoo, Pittsburg, burst the gate of his cage to splinters of steel Saturday evening, and dashing out into the open, led a small army of armed men a sensational chase amid the frantic cries of panic-stricken men, women and children.

During the early morning hours "Major" and his mate "Queen" became involved in a fierce combat, during which the female succeeded in tearing several frightful gashes into the loins of her companion. Diverting his attention from his adversary, "Major" frantically threw his weight against the steel gate of his cage time and time again, until a number of guards, armed with irons, succeeded in driving him back into a corner of the cage. Seemingly subdued, the guards left him to nurse his wounds.

Scarcely had they left the building when a thunderous crash was heard in the lion house. As they returned and opened the door "Major," who had evidently expected them, bounded out into the park as the door was opened, and leaping madly across lawns and pathways, darted for the North Highland avenue gate. Realizing the folly of giving combat to the beast in the open without firearms, the guards hastily procured weapons and followed in the wake of the mounted park police in giving chase. Meanwhile men, women and children fled down side streets, giving vent to piercing shrieks which added to the clattering hoofs of the horses of the pursuing police, aroused the whole district.

At Bryant avenue George Green, a colored driver of an ash wagon, brought his horse to a stop and became spell-bound with terror as the lion charged upon the outfit. Standing straight upon the wagon seat he cried wildly for help, but made no effort to escape. Leaping upon the horse the lion attacked it ferociously, and breaking free from its harness it made an effort to escape. This proved in vain, and soon the king of the jungles had the steed writhing in agony as the pursuers came upon them. Several revolvers were discharged in unison, but either failed their mark or only infuriated the lion, who left the dying horse to its fate, and in a bound evaded his pursuers, and continued his flight toward Penn avenue.

Rushing down Broad street the lion scented the side of a freshly-killed beef hanging from a hook in front of the butcher shop of James Lang. A crowd of panic-stricken Saturday shoppers and children fled madly for places of safety as "Major" charged upon the beef. Mr. Hoy was an eye witness to this scene. Once whetting his palate with the blood of the meat, he burst into thunderous roars of delight. But his pleasures were short-lived. Rounding the corner of Broad street, the crack of revolvers in hands of the huntsmen urged the maddened lion to seek newer fields.

At the corner of North Highland avenue and Kirkwood street "Major" ran directly into a group of children. Not realizing their danger, they made little effort to evade him, but fortunately the animal had his own safety in mind, and made no attempt to tarry. However, he accidentally struck Margaret Wilson, aged 13, of Stanton avenue, upon the left leg with his foreleg, one of the claws slightly lacerating it.

At Penn avenue the pursuers were again upon him, and the lion rushed in a direct line toward a grocery store in which were gathered a giddy number of shoppers. So piercing were their screams upon realizing that they were penned up and at the mercy of the beast, that their very cries seemed to frighten and divert the lion.

Attempting to re-enter North Highland avenue "Major" ran into his doom. Sharply turning into the avenue, he ran directly in front of a great, red automobile, the chauffeur of which was speeding the machine at its fullest limit. His passengers consisted of several of the guards who had pressed him into service to give chase. Before either lion or oc-

cupants of the car knew what had happened "Major" had passed under the wheels. When the machine had been brought to a stop the writhing form of the lion was lying in the middle of the street, 20 feet in the rear. Several shots were fired into him and seemed to have the desired effect, as his body relaxed and became motionless. Such a crowd had gathered by this time that the carcass of the animal was dragged into a neighboring store.

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS.

Tuesday noon of this week the annual Methodist Conference at Tyrone ended. It was a pleasant and profitable gathering, and the reports show that Methodism in Central Pennsylvania is greatly on the increase. The following are the appointments for the Altoona district of which Centre county is a part:

- RESIDING PASTOR, BENJAMIN C. CONNER.
Altoona: East, John V. Royer.
Chestnut Ave., James M. Johnston.
Eighth Ave., George M. Kelpfer.
Fairview, Richard H. Wharton.
Fifth Ave., Alfred L. Miller.
First Church, Horace L. Jacobs.
James V. Thompson.
Junius, Herman H. Groszley.
Simpson, Henry A. Straub.
Walnut Ave., Joseph K. Kniesly.
Bakerston, Frank W. Rober.
Barnesboro, John C. Young.
Bellefonte, James B. Stein.
John A. Wood, Jr.
Bellwood, Edwin A. Pyles.
Blainburg, Charles Griffin, (supply).
Centre & Sandy Ridge, George E. Taylor, (supply).
Clearfield, Morris E. Swartz.
Eleventh St., James McK. Kelley.
West Side, John A. Mattern.
Coalport and Irvona, Charles W. Karus.
Cherry Tree, to be supplied.
Curtisville, Benjamin Mosser.
Flemington, Daniel M. Grover.
Green Hope, Martin C. Flegal.
Half Moon, Rollin S. Taylor.
Hastings, F. E. McKelvey.
Houtzdale, Richard Brooke.
Howard, Edworth M. Allen.
Hyde City, Charles K. Gibson.
Karthaus, Walter S. Jones.
Lumber City, Theodore S. Vans.
Mahaffey, Nathan B. Smith.
Millsburg and Unionville, Marshall C. Piper.

- Mill Hill, James J. Reah.
Missions: Altoona, Rev. Horace Giraldi; Houtzdale, Abraham Abolla.
Morredale, Andrew E. Wharton.
Munson, William C. Charlton.
New Millport, George M. Shimer.
New Washington, Abraham L. Frank.
Osceola Mills, Charles T. Dunning.
Patton, Joseph F. Anderson.
Perry, George W. Molloy.
Phillipsburg, Samuel D. Wilson.
Pleasant Gap, Wm. L. Collicott (supply).
Port Matilda, John B. Durkee (supply).
Raney, Jacob B. Diebel.
Salona and Lamar, Isaiah J. Reeser.
Shawville, John E. Melroy.
Snow Shoe, Harry J. Schenck.
State College, Charles C. Snavely.
St. James, William C. Wallace.
Tyrone, Rev. Chas. A. Biddle.
Verona, Blair, Missionary to Utah.
Superintendents: Nathan H. Schenck, Elmer S. Jastrow, Lewis A. Rudell.
Superannuates—George H. Ague, David F. Kapp, Edmund White, William A. Stephens, Samuel Cretighton.

RAILROAD RATE BILL.

Not in many years has there been as important a measure before our representatives at Washington as the bill now under consideration to put a check upon the great railroads of the country, who frequently charge excessive rates and to others concede rebates. This has become a great evil, and an injury to the public.

For several weeks the bill has been under consideration and able addresses have been made by men of national repute. The railroads realize that a bill will pass, but they want it in such shape that all forms of action can be extended by endless litigation. Leading republican senators like Aldrich, Spooner, Foraker and Knox from Pennsylvania are championing railroad interests. All the influence of the President, along with many independent republicans, and nearly every democrat, are lined up for the passage of the Hepburn Bill in as near as possible the original form as passed by the House.

It is contended that such legislation, without a provision for a court review would be unconstitutional. The advocates of the bill maintain that Congress has the power to frame legislation independent of the courts, and on that point the contention is being fought.

It is significant that all the corporation senators are opposed to the bill, and in the past week Knox has taken a leading part. It is a battle royal against corporate power, and it is a notable fact that the democrats are loyally standing by the President, while the leaders of his party are deserting him to protect the railroads.

A Fish-Basket Decision.

An important decision was handed down at Lewisburg in the case against Edward Jolly, who had been arrested and brought before Justice Riehl for having violated the fish laws. Jolly had maintained a fish basket contrary to law by not having removed the bottom. Justice Riehl discharged the defendant, on the ground that he had left part of the basket open.

The court, in its decision, says that it is not in the discretion of each fisherman to say how many inches of the bottom left open will be sufficient to allow the free passage of fish, but that the whole bottom, and not a part of it, must be removed. The extreme penalty was not imposed, since this was a test case. Sixty-nine similar cases are pending in the State.

Many a girl who has money to burn doesn't seem to care for a match.

MINERS' STRIKE REMAINS UNSETTLED

Operators and Workmen Fall Thus Far to Reach Agreement.

A COMPROMISE IS EXPECTED

Nearly all the Mines in the Anthracite Regions Closed Down--Thus Far There Have Been No Disturbances--Another Conference Today.

This has been a strenuous week among the representatives of mine operators, and the workmen. Beginning of the week nearly every large operation in the anthracite region closed down and the miners are patiently waiting the final outcome, determined to abide by the decision of their leaders, in whom they have unlimited confidence.

At the various sessions there was considerable feeling. Operators in some sections were openly accused of plotting to bring about a strike in order to realize advanced prices on the large quantities of coal they have stored for such an emergency. The railroads were accused of being a party to the game, since they are liable to undergo an investigation for acting as common carriers, and as operators, which is a violation of their charters, they are apparently anxious to see a compromise effected.

To give an account of all that has been done in the various conferences is unnecessary. Thus far they have failed in agreeing upon terms.

Another important conference takes place today and the outcome is uncertain. The general impression is that a compromise will be reached, but that far nothing definite has been accomplished.

PA. R. R. OFFICIALS SUMMONED.

Ownership of Certain Coal Mines Will be Determined.

Writ servers, armed with subpoenas, started Monday morning from the United States district court searching for all the high officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

These gentlemen will be brought into court to testify in suits to determine the true ownership and actual control of certain coal mines, and the exact status of certain coal shippers, with relation to the railroad company.

The general allegation upon which the suit rests, sets forth that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is the real owner of the mines in question, that certain coal shippers, named in the complaint, are selling agents and that, as such, they obtain freight rates and rebates denied all others in the production and sale of soft coal.

Eminent lawyers assert that if these charges are substantiated before the Federal court the penalty may be the revoking of the special legislative charter, under which the Pennsylvania railroad is duly authorized "to declare war, make peace and determine the future state of man," as a Senator asserted when denouncing the instrument.

Every executive officer of the Pennsylvania railroad, from President Cassatt down to freight agent Searles, will be required to appear in court. April 19 is named as the day when they will be heard before Judge Holland.

For Fishermen.

Fish Commissioner Meehan announces that no applications for black bass received hereafter can be filed. The number now on file is 3,000 or more and these will eat up all of this output. Commissioner Meehan said: It is impossible to state how many fry will be available. Last year we had 20,000—only a drop in the bucket. This year we may have anywhere from 50,000 to 500,000, and then, again, we may fall far below 50,000. We shall do the best we can."

Saloons Must be Reformed.

Judge C. A. Mayor and his associates, W. S. Harris and W. A. Kinsloe, at the close of Argument Court in Lock Haven last week, threw a bomb into the hotel camp that is being favorably commented upon on all sides. They issued an order that no disorderly conduct would be permitted in saloons and that the visits of women and girls to these places must cease.

The order also forbids the throwing of dice, playing of cards or other games of chance for drinks and that no slot machines will be permitted to be used about the premises, under penalty of license revocation.

Liquor License.

The tavern license of Thos. Barnes and Christ North in Phillipsburg which had been held over were granted this week.

The license at Coburn, Chas. T. Bechdel, was refused. Mr. Bechdel had not been in possession of the property and will not occupy it now.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

SATAN EN ROUTE.

Satan in de whirlwin!
Make your gray hair curl!
Watch out when he coming--
He give you all a whirl!
He ride de country over--
He know des whar ter go;
He lan' you in dat region
Whar never fall de snow!
He know he gwine ter git dar
En take some folks along--
Watch out, believers,
En hear de whirlwin' song!
--Atlanta Constitution.

Good luck is really good management. A little taffy is apt to make silly people stuck up.

An honest opinion has disrupted many a friendship.

The dyspeptic's motto is eat, drink and be sorry.

Stolen kisses are the result of osculatory kleptomani.

A fellow brightens up when a girl turns the gas down.

The fellow with money to burn is always somebody's flame.

The chronic kicker generally gets more exercise than results.

The small boy's idea of high living is to have ice cream three times a day.

The foolishness of woman consists of being afraid of a mouse more than of a man.

John D. Rockefeller is said to be losing his nerve. But he still has his money.

One half the world is down on automobiles, and the other half is down under them.

The fellow who refuses to mind his own business may have neither business nor mind.

A narrow-minded man is one whom we can never convince that our way of thinking is right.

The average automobile owner would sooner have a thorn in the flesh than a puncture in a tire.

When a girl is planning her trousseau she hasn't much time to think about the fellow she is going to marry.

Miss Beautiful--Oh, but mamma objects to kissing! Jack Swift--Well, I ain't kissing your mamma, am I?

It will take more than thirty years to complete the Panama canal if all of the work has to be done in Washington.

The Cambria county courts have decided that a juror cannot go to sleep in the trial of a case, no matter though he does waken up in time to render a verdict.

There is one compensation to the ignorant in this new spelling reform, and it is that after a while it will be impossible to tell an educated from an uneducated man by his spelling.

One day as a train from the East pulled up at a little station of a most depressing town in the fever-and-ague district of Arkansas, a passenger, thrusting his head out of a car window asked of a dejected-looking citizen who was leaning against the station door: "Tell me, what do you call this dried-up, dreary, God-forsaken place?" "That's near enough, stranger," replied the native in a melancholy voice, "let it go at that."

Commencement at Howard.

The commencement exercises of the Howard High school will be held in the M. E. church on Friday evening, April 13. Those who will be graduated are: Jennie Kane, Bertha Kline, Mayme Ziegler, David Holter, Philip Holter and Christie Schenck. The program will consist of orations by members of the class followed by the presentation address by Dr. Walter J. Kurtz, president of the Board of education. Music will be furnished by the Bellefonte orchestra. The Baccalaureate sermon will be preached by J. F. Shultz, on Sunday evening, April 8.

IRVIN W. ZIEGLER, Principal.

P. R. R. Cuts Time of 8000 Em.loyees.

The most sweeping time reduction announced in Altoona since the panic of 1893, and affecting 8000 Pennsylvania employes in locomotive repair shops, has been ordered. Commencing Monday the men will work but five days a week and but five hours a day, a reduction of twenty-five hours a week. They will work only in the forenoons and have a whole holiday on Saturday. The order likewise affects all the repair shops of the company between Altoona and Harrisburg.

Shooting at Reedsville.

John Search, 19 years old accidentally shot and instantly killed Miss Barbara Rinehart, 43 years old at Reedsville. Search was employed in the Rinehart bakery, and after closing the store, came into the room and was showing Miss Rinehart the mechanism of a revolver, when it was discharged. The bullet passed through her body, striking the heart, and went through the back of the chair in which she was sitting. Search gave himself up, and is held, pending the action of the Coroner.