

vania Railroad company as provided in their charter, shall thereafter cease and determine.

MODIFIED BY THE TONNAGE ACT. Section 1 of the act for the modification of tonnage act, approved March 7, 1881, provides that if the company "pay into the State treasury, an account of its indebtedness to the Commonwealth, by reason of the purchase of the main line of the public works, on the 31st day of January and July, in every year, until the 31st of July, 1884, inclusive, such sum in addition to the tonnage tax as will pay the interest on the bonds and in addition to its annual liability to the Commonwealth, by reason of the purchase of said line of improvements as will increase each semi-annual payment on account of said debt and interest to the sum of \$200,000, and the aggregate of all such payments to the sum of \$1,000,000, and shall agree to pay on the 31st of July, 1880, into the treasury the balance then unpaid of the principal and interest of the bonds and interest on the same, and the tonnage tax and "excise" tax, released and relieved from every lien and liability to the Commonwealth, and shall be placed in the hands of the State, and the Pennsylvania Railroad they must put their surplus into the purchase of tonnage tax, and the Commonwealth is to be satisfied.

HIS FIRST APPOINTMENTS.

Postmaster McKean Announces the Retention of Misses Steele and Johnston—Formal Transfer of the Postoffice Tonight—The Line of Policy Mapped Out.

Postmaster McKean will assume charge of the postoffice on tonight. He has been in business hours to-night there will be instituted a process which in mercantile houses is denominated "taking account of stock." Every man, woman and child in the postoffice will be taken into account, and, in fact, everything transferable into money will be taken into account. The two Government clerks, Mr. Johnston and Miss Steele, will be retained in the postoffice, and, in fact, the entire staff of the postoffice will be taken into account. The two Government clerks, Mr. Johnston and Miss Steele, will be retained in the postoffice, and, in fact, the entire staff of the postoffice will be taken into account.

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THE GREAT ROAD'S CHARACTER.

While these enthusiasts are not satisfied that the road could be had on the terms they were prepared to offer, they based their hopes on section 2 of the charter of the Pennsylvania Railroad, granted in 1836, which provides: "That if the Legislature of this State shall, as the expiration of 20 years from the date of said railroad, make provisions by law, for the repayment of the said company, of the amount expended by them in the construction of said railroad, and the interest thereon, and the permanent fixtures, and all other appurtenances for the use of the same, together with all moneys expended by said company for such purposes as may be necessary for the purpose of said railroad, with interest on such sum at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, after deducting the amount of the net revenue received by said company, for the use of the same, then said railroad with its fixtures and appurtenances shall vest in and become the property of the people of this State, but if the Legislature shall, at any time, after the expiration of 20 years, claim the said railroad, etc., as aforesaid, then the said company with all its fixtures and appurtenances shall remain the property of the said company, subject to the claim of the Legislature, as aforesaid, at the expiration of 20 years, and so on, from 20 years to 20 years."

IN QUEST OF INFORMATION.

Search was made for several days for information as to whether or not the State had legal power to enforce section 2, but it was an uphill job. The State has no power to enforce section 2, but it was an uphill job. The State has no power to enforce section 2, but it was an uphill job.

A \$100,000 JOB.

A New Gas Line From Butler County to Be Built to Tarentum for the Platte Glass Company—Contractors Are Not Afraid of the Supply Failing.

The various reports and theories created so frequently late, about the failure of the natural gas supply, does not seem to frighten the manufacturers to any great extent. The Platte Glass Company has just closed a contract for a new line which will convey the gas from the new field at Sarverville, Butler county, to their works at Tarentum. The line will be 10 miles long, and will be completed by March 10. It will be used to furnish an additional supply to the Crichton plant. It is reported that quite a lively and interesting contest has been going on between Eastern contractors and a Pittsburgh firm for the contract. R. W. Carroll, manager of the American Tube and Iron Company, succeeded in securing it, and they will be completed by March 10.

NO DANFORTH FROM THIS SOURCE.

A telegram from the Danforth correspondent of THE DISPATCH, January 27, says: "The act of March 7, 1881, will give you much information concerning the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's purchase of the public works. On the day of its approval a contract was made in accordance with its requirements. Prior to the purchase in 1881, \$179,953 75, and in 1882, \$222,343 61. It also paid in interest in loans for the period of the purchase in 1882, \$275,000, in 1883, \$200,000 and in 1884, \$300,000. It also received its original indebtedness of \$7,500,000 to \$7,100,000 and paid in 1885, \$1,000,000, in 1886, \$1,000,000, in 1887, \$1,000,000, in 1888, \$1,000,000, in 1889, \$1,000,000, in 1890, \$1,000,000, in 1891, \$1,000,000, in 1892, \$1,000,000, in 1893, \$1,000,000, in 1894, \$1,000,000, in 1895, \$1,000,000, in 1896, \$1,000,000, in 1897, \$1,000,000, in 1898, \$1,000,000, in 1899, \$1,000,000, in 1900, \$1,000,000, in 1901, \$1,000,000, in 1902, \$1,000,000, in 1903, \$1,000,000, in 1904, \$1,000,000, in 1905, \$1,000,000, in 1906, \$1,000,000, in 1907, \$1,000,000, in 1908, \$1,000,000, in 1909, \$1,000,000, in 1910, \$1,000,000, in 1911, \$1,000,000, in 1912, \$1,000,000, in 1913, \$1,000,000, in 1914, \$1,000,000, in 1915, \$1,000,000, in 1916, \$1,000,000, in 1917, \$1,000,000, in 1918, \$1,000,000, in 1919, \$1,000,000, in 1920, \$1,000,000, in 1921, \$1,000,000, in 1922, \$1,000,000, in 1923, \$1,000,000, in 1924, \$1,000,000, in 1925, \$1,000,000, in 1926, 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