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# VOL. XXXVI. NO. 10. **PENNSYLVANIA'S** NEW ROAD LAW New Highway Department Created to Improve Highways. STATE PAYS TWO-THIRDS COST

Balance of Cost is Divided Between County and Township in Which Work Is Done-\$6,500,000 Appropriated, of Which \$500,000 is Available This Year.

### AN ACT

Providing for the establishment of a State Highway Department, by the appointment of a State Highway Commissioner and staff of assistants, and defining the powers and duties thereof; authorizing the State Highway Department to co-operate with the several counties and townships, and with boroughs in certain instances, in the improvement of the public highways and the maintenance of improved highways; providing for the application of counties and townships for State aid in highway improvement and maintenance; providing for the payment of the cost of highway improvements, made under the provisions of this act, by the State, the counties, and the townships, and making an appropriation for this purpose.

Whereas, it is of great importance to the people of this Commonwealth that the public highways should be systematically improved, and that the several counties and townships should be given the aid and encouragement of the State in the building and maintenance of improved highways; there-

fore-

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That immediately upon the approval of this act, a State Highway Department shall be established by the appointment by the Governor of the Commonwealth, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of four years, of a State Highway Commissioner, who shall be a competent civil engineer, and experienced in the construction and maintenance of improved roads. Said State Highway Commissioner shall receive a salary of three thousand five hundred dollars per annum, and shall be allowed his actual traveling expenses, not exceeding five hundred dollars, while officially employed. He shall furnish a bond in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duty, said bond to be approved by the Governor, and he shall give his whole time and attention to the duties of his position. The said State Highway Commissioner may appoint, as the work of the department requires it, and subject to the approval of the Governor, one assistant, who shall be a capable and competent civil engineer and experienced in road building, who shall receive an annual salary of two thousand dollars, and shall be allowed his actual traveling expense, not to exceed five hundred dollars, when on official business; and he shall also appoint a chief clerk, at an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and may employ an additional clerk who shall be a competent stenographer, at an expense not to exceed one thousand dollars per annum. The State Highway Commissioner may require ...e employes of the Department to give bond for the faithful performance of their duty, in suitable and reasonable amounts. Section 2. The State Highway Department shall be provided with suitable rooms in the State buildings at Harrisburg, and its offices shall be open at all reasonable times for the transaction of public business. The State Highway Commissioner shall carry into effect the provisions of this act and all acts of Assembly providing for the co-operation of the State in the construction and maintenance of public highways. He shall have charge of the records of the State Highway Department; and shall each year submit to the Governor of the Commonwealth a full report of the operations of the Department, the number of miles, cost and character of the roads built under its direction, detailed statements of the expenses of the Department, and such other information concerning the condition of the public roads of the State and the progress of their improvement as may be proper. Section 3. Whenever the county commissioners of any county shall represent by petition to said State Highway Department that any principal highway in said county, outside of the corporate limits of any city or borough, is not in a satisfactory condition for comfortable or economical travel, and ought to be reconstructed under the provisions of this act, and shall furnish to the said Department an accuand Walnut streets, is prepared to do all rate plan of the layout, lines, profile and established grade of such highway, the coarsest and guarantees his work to it shall be the duty of the State Highway Commissioner to examine such highway, or instruct one of his assistents so to do and if in the judgment of the State Highway Commissioner said representation is well-founded, he shall determine what changes should be made in said existing highway, what portion of it should be improved and in what manner, and shall prepare accurate plans and make careful detailed estimates of the expense of the work which, in his opinion, should be done, and report the same to the county commissioners of the county and the supervisors or commissioners of the township or townships in which the the proportion of the expense, aforesaid highway may lie. If the said county commissioners and township supervisors or commissioners then decide that it is advisable to go on with the work as hereinafter provided, and

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Department may, if the funds at its disposal permit of so doing, contract jointly with the county and township or townships in which said highway lies, to carry out the recommendations of the State Highway Commissioner; the cost of the same, including all the necessary surveys, grading, material, construction, relocation, changes of grade, and expenses in connection with the improvement of said highway, to be borne in sixty-six and two-thirds per centum by the State, sixteen and two-thirds per centum by the county, and sixteen and two-thirds per centum by the township or townships in which the portions of said highway, improved as herein provided, may lie: Provided, That the State aid shall be apportioned among the several counties of the Commonwealth according to the mileage of township or county roads in each county, but the said amount shall remain in the State Treasury until applied for under the provisions of this act: And provided, That any county constructing county roads under the provisions of the act of June twentysixth, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five (Pamphlet law, three hundred and thirty-six), and supplements and amendments thereto, shall be entitled to receive the same amount of State aid as if said roads were constructed under the provisions of this act: And provided further, That if the appropriation, so apportioned by the State, shall not be so applied for a period of two years after it has become available, the amount so apportioned and set aside for that county shall be returned to the State Treasury, and added to the appropriation for the current year, and distributed anew under the provisions of this act: And provided further, That nothing herein contained shall prevent any county and townships from agreeing to appropriate a larger amount for such road improvement than the amounts specified in this act: And provided, That counties and townships may agree among themselves to contribute their combined proportion of the thirty-taree and one-third per centum of the total expense of construction, herein provided to be borne by them, in different proportions from that hereinabove specified; but in no case shall any township or county pay less than five per centum of the entire expense of such improvements: Provided, That the county commissioners shall furnish.

under oath, to the State Highway Commissioner the total number of miles of township or county public roads, by townships, to the State Highway Commissioner. Section 4. All highways improved un-

der the provisions of this act shall conform to the standard of construction established by the State Highway Department, as best adapted to the locality in which they may be located, with due regard to the topography and natural conditions and the availability of road-building materials, and shall be constructed according to the best engineering practice. No section of highway improved under this act shall be less than one-fourth mile in length, nor shall the improved portion thereof be less than twelve feet in width. So far as is consistent with the just and equitable administration of this act, the State Highway Department shall encourage a general system of highway improvement. Section 5. All work done under the provisions of this act shall be by contract, according to plans and specifications to be prepared by the State Highway Commissioner and approved by the county commissioners of the county and the supervisors or commissioners of the township or townships, as hereinbefore provided; and in awarding said contracts the work shall be given to the lowest and best bidder, with the option upon the part of the State Highway Commissioner, the county commissioners, or the township supervisors or commissioners, to reject any or all bids if they consider the same unreasonable, or if the prices named are materially higher than the estimated cost of the work as provided for. Every person, firm or corporation, before being awarded any contract for the construction or improvement of any highway under the provisions of this act, shall furnish a bond, acceptable to the State Highway Commissioner, in a sum equal to the contract price of the work, condi-

wealth.

such road.

State Highway Department for the co-

operation of the State in the recon-

struction or permanent improvement

of any principal highway within the

this act; and the said State Highway for improvement, but shall return the Commissioner shall certify the total same to the supervisors or commisexpense of said improvement to the sloners from whom it was received. county commissioners and to the super- Upon the receipt of a petition, signed visors or commissioners of the town- by the owners of a majority of the asship, or townships, in which the im- sessed valuation of real estate in any proved highway has been constructed, township, requesting the application by respectively, specifying the amounts to said township for the improvement of be borne by the State, the county and any highway in said township accordthe township, or each township, as ing to the provisions of this act, it provided by this act.

expense of highway improvement or tition the county commissioners in the maintenance, under the provisions of manner hereinbefore described. this act, shall be paid by the State way Department, out of any specific and shall be paid by the county treasurer upon the order of the county commissioners. The share of the township way improvement, as herein provided, has been made, shall be paid by the township supervisors or commissioners, as other debts of said township or townships are paid. The State Highway Department, the county commissioners of the county, and the supervisors or commissioners of the township, or townships, in which any highway is being improved under the proproval of the State Highway Commiscontractor or contractors performing the work, as the same progresses; but not more than two-thirds of their proportionate shares of the contract price out or changing public roads have by

for the work shall be paid, in advance of the full completion of the same, by either the State Highway Department, the county, and the township or townships, so that at least one-third of the full contract price shall be withheld until the work is satisfactorily completed and accepted, and the exact proportions of the cost thereof apportioned to the State, county and township, or townships: Provided, That a cash road tax be levied by each township, where such road improvement is being vided. made, to meet the cost of such permanent road improvement as is provided in this act.

Section 9. Every contract authorized partment, under the provisions of this

used in this act, shall be construed to include any existing causeway or bridge, or any new causeway or bridge, or any drain or water-course which may form part of a road, and which might properly be built, according to existing laws, by the township or townships; but shall not include causeways or bridges which should properly be built by a county, or adjoining counshall be the duty of the supervisors or tles, or by the State, Section 8. The State's share of the commissioners of said township to peportant main highway, traversing one

Section 12. In case the county com-Treasurer upon the warrant of the missioners of any county shall neglect State Highway Commissioner, attested or refuse to act upon the petition of by the chief clerk of the State High- any township or townships for highway improvement, as herein provided, or appropriations made by the legislature shall refuse to petition the State highto carry out the provisions of this act; | way Department for State aid in such and the share of the county in which proposed improvement, after said townsaid highway improvement, as herein ship or townships shall have complied provided, has been made, shall be a with the conditions of this act in peticharge upon the funds of said county, | tioning said county commissioners, the supervisors or commissioners of said township or townships may, through their proper officers, petition the court or townships in which the said high- of quarter sessions of said county for the appointment of a jury of view to examine into the necessity of said proposed highway improvement; and upon the said jury of view making a report favorable to said improvement, and if the State Highway Commissioner so with the approval of the court, it shall be the duty of, and the court may by order require, the said county commissioners to petition the said State Highway Department for the co-operation visions of this act, may, with the ap- of the State in the said proposed highway improvement, in the manner heresioner, make partial payments to the in provided. Said jury of view to be appointed and compensated in the same manner, and to have the same powers, as juries of view for laying

> existing law. Section 13. The supervisors or commissioners of any adjacent townships. in the same county, in which any portion of a principal highway running into or through said townships may lie, may by resolution jointly petition the county commissioners of their county to make application to the scate Highway Department for the co-operation of the State in repairing or rebuilding said highway, as herein pro-

Section 14. Advertisements for proposals for the reconstruction or improvement of highways under the provisions of this act shall be given by the county to be made by the State Highway De- commissioners, at least thirty days before the contracts may be awarded, by act, shall be made in the name of the public notice in at least two newspa-Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and pers of general circulation in the counshall be signed by the State Commis- ty in which the highway to be imsioner of Highways and attested by the proved is located; such advertisement Chief Clerk of the Department, and to designate where the plans and speshall be approved, as to form and le- cifications may be had, and the time gality, by the Attorney General or Dep- and place of the reception of bids and

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Section 19. Where a portion of an im-

or more townships, and for the im-

provement of which according to the

provisions of this act, application has

been made by said township or town-

ships, shall lie within the limits of any

borough or boroughs, and where the

failure of said borough or boroughs to

improve the said highway would leave

a break or unimproved section in a

continuous improved highway, it shall

be lawful for the county commissioners

of the county in which said highway is

located, to enter into an agreement

with said borough or boroughs to bear

a portion of the expense of said im-

provement of the highway within the

borough limits, in the same manner as

is herein provided for co-operation be-

tween the counties and townships; and

the State Highway Department may,

recommends, bear a portion of the ex-

pense of said improvement of said high-

way within said borough limits, but in

no case shall the portion of said ex-

pense to be borne by the State exceed

one-third of the total expense of said

improvement, and boroughs shall only

receive aid from the State, as afore-

said, in cases where failure to receive

such aid would prevent a continuous

improvement of an important main

highway, provision for the rebuilding of

which has been made in the township

or townships adjoining said borough or

boroughs. All improvements made in

borough highways, as herein provided.

shall be of a character similar to that

specified for the township or townships

through which the highway to be im-

proved passes in reaching said borough

and boroughs, and the plans and speci-

fications for the work shall be approv-

ed by the State Highway Department;

and the completed work shall be ap-

proved by said department before any

warrant shall be issued for the State's

share in such improvement, as herein

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amized road, or a telford or other stone road, or a road constructed of gravel, cinder, oyster-shells, or other good materials, in such manner that the same, of whatever material constructed, will, with reasonable repairs thereto, at all seasons of the year be firm, smooth and convenient for travel. The county commissioners shall have the authority to select the kind of materials to be used in improving any road under the provisions of this act. Any difference of opinion that may arise between the county commissioners and the township road authorities, as to the kind of a road to be built, shall be decided by the State Highway Commissioner. The State Highway Commissioner shall furnish to the county commissioners and township road authorities information as to the probable cost of improved highways, as defined in this section.

Section 24. The sum of six millions five hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of this act during the next six years. Of this sum, an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars shall be available in the first year after the passage of this act, not more than five hundred thousand dollars shall be available in the second year, one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in each of the two next following years, and one million five hundred thousand dollars in each of the two years next following.

Section 25. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed: Provided, That the provisions of this act shall not be construed to repeal any of the provisions of the road acts approved June twenty-sixth, one thousand eight hundred and ninetyfive (Pamphlet laws, three hundred and thirty-six), and June twenty-three, one thousand eight hundred and ninetyseven (Pamphlet laws, one hundred and ninety-four), and July ten, one thousand nine hundred and one (Pamphlet laws, six hundred and thirty-six). Approved-The 15th day of April, A. D. 1903.

SAML, W. PENNYPACKER. Frank M. Fuller, Secretay of the Commonwealth.

# CATCHING CRABS.

Chontank River Fishers Land Them by an Ingenious Method.

provided. It shall be the duty of the Those who crab for market on the proper officers of said borough or bor-Choptank river, Maryland, have an inoughs, charged with the maintenance genious method of catching crabs in of the streets and highways of said borquantity. A rope about the thickness ough or boroughs, to keep and mainof a clothesline several hundred feet tain said improved highway, within the long is kept colled in a keg. At interborough limits, in a condition to convals of two feet along the entire length of the rope the fisherman has untwisted the State Highway Department for the It and inserted between the strands chort pieces of salted cels. The torsion of the strand holds them tightly in place. Each end of the rope has a keg buoy attached, together with a heavy stone. Arriving at the favored place. usually on oyster beds, he throws a keg overboard and pays out a highly scented rope as he salls. When the other end is reached, he anchors it with another stone and throws out another buoy. After lowering his sail he waits a few minutes, then takes his stand on the bow of his boat. Alongside of him is his landing net, with a handle six feet long. He raises the buoy and stone and, hand over hand, pulls his boat along the line. When a crab, elinging to its refreshment, comes in sight, he seizes his net, dashes it under the crab and flings it into the boat. The wary crab may loosen his hold and dive for the bottom, but such is the fisherman's dexterity that his net is swifter than the crab. One seldom gets away. Several hundreds of crabs are often taken at each overhauling of the rope. When he has caught all he wants, he packs them in barrels and sells them to a local dealer, who ships them to market.-Country Life In America. by the Commissioner of Highways, according to the provisions of section

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tioned upon the satisfactory completion of the same and to save harmless the State, county and the township or townships, in which the work may lie, from any expense incurred through the failure of said contractor to complete the work as specified, or for any damages growing out of the carelessness of said contractor or his or its ser-

vants. Section 6. Any township may, through its supervisors or commissioners, be authorized to bid for the construction of such portion of any highway improvement, undertaken under the provisions of this act, as may lie within its limits; and any township submitting such bid shall have the same consideration as other bidders, and, if awarded the contract, shall fulfill the same and be subject to the same regulations as are laid down for other bidders.

Section 7. Upon the completion of any highway, rebuilt or improved under the provisions of this act, the State Highway Commissioner shall immediately ascertain the total expense of the same, and apportion the said total expense between the State, the county and the township, or townships in the proportion hereinbefore provlded: and in case the said improved highway shall extend into or through two or more townships, he shall apportion . said, to be borne by each township among the several townships, in the same proportionate parts as the cost of the improvement within each township shall bear to the whole expense make the required agreements as here- of the improvement which has been nafter specified, the State Highway | made according to the provisions of

uty Attorney General of the Commonthe letting of the contract.

wealth. No contract for any highway Section 15. Ten per centum of the amount available for highway purposes, improvement shall be let by the State Highway Department, nor shall any under the provisions of this act, shall work be authorized under the provibe set aside for the purpose of maintesions of this act, until the written nance of highways, as hereinafter proagreement of the county commissionvided, and shall be apportioned by the ers of the county and the supervisors State Highway Commissioner among or commissioners of the township, or the townships or counties applying for townships, in which said proposed im- the same, in proportion to the mileage provement is to be made, agreeing to of improved highways made under the assume their respective shares of the provisions of this act, or which have cost thereof, as hereinbefore provided. already been made or may hereafter shall be on file in the office of the State be made, at the expense of such town-Highway Department, and shall have ships or counties, and which are of the standard prescribed by the State Highbeen approved, as to form and legality, by the Attorney General or the Deputy way Department for improved high-Attorney General of the Commonways.

Section 16. Whenever the supervisors Section 10. The county commissionor commissioners or any township or county shall desire State aid for the ers of any county may, upon the presentation to them of a petition from the purpose of maintenance of improved highways, whether State highways imsupervisors or commissioners of any proved under the provisions of this act township, or of two or more adjoining townships, representing that any prinor otherwise, it shall be the duty of cipal highway or section thereof, lying said supervisors or commissioners to within said township or townships, is file with the State Highway Department, on or before the first day of in need of reconstruction, and setting forth that said township or townships April in each year, a sworn petition desire to take advantage of the provirequesting such State aid, and setting sions of this act to improve said highforth the number of miles of highways way, pass a resolution petitioning the improved according to tuestandards of

State Highway Department to under- the State Highway Department in said take the improvement of the highway township, and the cost of the same to or section thereof specified in the petisaid township, together with the condition from the township or townships tion of said improved highways and aforesaid, and authorizing the assumpthe average annual cost of maintaining tion by the county of its share of the the same. The State Commissioner of expense of said improvement; accom-Highways, if in his judgment the conpanying the said petition to the State ditions warrant the co-operation of the Highway Department with a map or State in maintaining said highways, plan showing the layout, lines, profile shall apportion to said township its and grade of such highway, as hereinproportion of the total amount availabefore provided: Provided, That where ble for the maintenance of improved the county commissioners petition the highways, as hereinbefore provided, State Highway Commissioner for the and the said amount shall be paid to improvement of a public road or parts the supervisors or commissioners of thereof, they shall state the kind of said township by warrant of the State material to be used or available for Highway Department; but in no case shall the amount thus given by the Section 11. The supervisors or com-State for maintenance, be more tuan missioners of any township in any one-half the amount which, in the county of the Commonwealth may pe- judgment and experience of the State tition the county commissioners of

Highway Commissioner, the annual said county to make application to the cost of maintaining improved highways of the standard of construction prevailing in such township should be, nor more than one-half the sworn, average annual cost of maintenance, as set said township, or any section thereof forth in the petition of the supervisors which is much used as a thoroughfare or commissioners of the said town-

by the people of said township and ships. Section 17, All highways, or portions the neighboring townships, cities and boroughs, agreeing by resolution to as- of highways, constructed or improved sume, for said township, the proporunder the provisions of this act, shall tionate share of the expense of said im- thereafter he known as "State Highprovement, as hereinbefore provided. It ways," but, so far as the same may be shall be lawful for any township to within the limits of any township, shall incur indebtedness or to issue bonds, be kept in repair, so that they may be in the manner authorized by law, for maintained at the standard of condithe payment of the said township's tion prescribed for highways of their share of the cost of any highway imclass by the State Highway Departprovement undertaken under the proment, at the expense of said township; visions of this act. If within thirty but the supervisors or commissioners days after the receipt of any petition of any township possessing improved for highway improvement in any town- highways may ask for and receive ship, under the provisions of this act. State aid for the maintenance of the a petition, signed by the owners of a same, as hereinbefore provided. It majority of the assessed valuation of shall be the duty of the supervisors or real estate in said township, is receiv- | commissioners of every township in ed by the county commissioners of the which said State Highways may lie, to county in which said township is lo- maintain the same generally at a reascated, protesting against said proposed onable standard, prescribed for such expenditure upon the part of the town- roads by the State Highway Depart-

ship, then the county commissioners ment.

person or corporation for damages arising from the rebuilding or improvement of any highway under this act. nor shall the State engage to keep such highway in repair after the same shall have been rebuilt or improved, except to extend the aid in maintenance herein provided. In case any person or nersons, or corporations, shall sustain damage by any change in grade, or by the taking of land to alter the location of any highway which may be improved under this act, and the county commissioner and the parties so injured cannot agree on the amount of damages sustained, such persons or corporations may present their petition to the court of quarter sessions for the appointment of viewers to ascertain and assess such damage; the proceedings upon which said petition and by the viewers shall be governed by the laws relating to the assessment of damages for opening public highways, and such damages, when ascertained, shall be paid by the respective counties, and afterwards apportioned

seven. Section 21. In addition to his other duties, the State Highway Commissioner shall cause to be made and kept for the State Highway Department a general highway plan of the State, and compile statistics and collect information relative to the mileage, character and condition of the highways in the townships and counties of the State. He shall investigate and determine upon the various methods of road construction best adapted to the various sections of the State; and establish standards for the construction and maintenance of highways in the various sections, taking into consideration the topography of the country, the nat ural conditions and the character and availability of road-building material. and the ability of the townships and counties to build and maintain roads under the provisions of this act. He may, at all reasonable times, he consulted by county, city, borough or township officers having authority over highways and bridges, and shall, when requested, advise and give information to such officers relative to the construction, repairing, alteration and maintenance of the said highways and

bridges. He shall at all times lend his aid in promoting improvement throughout the State, and shall prepare and disseminate useful information relative to road building and improvement.

Section 22. County commissioners or county engineers of the several counties of this State, and the officers of all cities, boroughs and townships in the State, who now have, or may hereafter have by law, authority over the public highways and bridges, shall, upon the written request of the State Highway Department, furnish said Denartment with any information relative to the mileage, cost of building, and maintenance, condition and character of the highways under their jurisdiction, and with any other needful Information relating to the said highways.

Section 23. All highways improved under the provisions of this act shall shall take no action on said petition | Section 18. The word "highway," as I require the construction of a macad-

#### Four Great Musicians.

Palestrina was a revolutionist in his lay, but is now virtually obsolete even for the severest classicists. Gluck was as radical an innovator as Wagner, vet it is only occasionally and with difficulty that one of his works can now be briefly resuscitated. Beethoven was a madman even to many of the best musicians as late as 1805, when, as that musical veteran, Professor Haupt, himself said, the "Fifth Symphony" was rehearsed in Berlin for the first time, and the orchestra dashed the music from the racks, declaring it was razy and could never be played. Now this same "Fifth Symphony" is considered a model of form, and its composer is the cherished idol of conservatives and classicists.

### Pity For Western Nations.

The Chinese enjoy the greatest liberty. The laws of the western nation are too numerous and too severe. Instances of their bondage may be given. All the children in the country are bound to attend school at a certain age. When an nuthor wants to print a book, he has to ask for a copyright. Before a man can start a newspaper he must apply for a certificate from his government sanctioning him to do so. There are fixed regulations governing all companies and firms. All marriages must be reported to a certain department for registration. Thus there is no liberty be tween husband and wife .- Peking Sin Pao.

#### Miniature Trees

The Japanese art of making minin ture landscapes and gardens consists chiefly in starving the plant so as to retard the circulation of its sap or life giving julces. Furguson, who was one among the first of English adventurers to visit China and Japan, mentions the fact that he saw at Canton "a boxe about the bigness of a ladyes snuffe box, which did not containe a littyl dirt and sixteen tiny littyl trees, foure of which were in full blow, the whole boxe, trees and all so small that a man could put them in hys mouth togeth-