

LEGISLATIVE NEWS
WANT \$10,000,000 FOR THE HIGHWAYS
PATRIOTISM BOBS UP IN FORM OF LAW

Conference of Legislators Will Be Held on the Subject During This Week

Ten million dollars will be hunted this week by legislators who want to see the State provide for systematic road improvement. It is the plan for President pro tem. Charles H. Kline, Speaker Charles A. Ambler, Senator William C. Sprout, Chairman E. E. Jones, of the House roads committee, and Chairman C. J. Buckman and James F. Woodward, of the appropriations committees, to meet to discuss ways and means of financing the highway construction, maintenance and aid propositions and try and find the money. None of the revenue measures has been advanced far enough to enable anyone to forecast how much additional cash will be raised, and this is the knotty problem.

It is understood that the general appropriation bill will be reported out without any appropriations for highway construction or maintenance. Only the administrative expenses will be included in the big bill, the appropriations for various road improvement projects being carried in separate bills. The same will be done with the State Department of Health and its appropriation for tuberculosis sanatoria and dispensaries will be in a separate bill. The sum of \$2,975,807 has been asked to wage the fight against tuberculosis.

Another problem is education. There is no doubt about fifteen millions being set aside for education, and whether it will be more will depend on the revenues. An effort to raise it eighteen millions may be made. The four higher educational institutions, Penn. Pitt, Temple and State, and the normal schools have put in bills aggregating \$7,652,000 in round numbers, whereas they received \$3,360,000 last session.

Legislators are also studying how to provide the state insurance fund under the compensation act. No one appears to know how much will be required to start it and estimates are from one to two millions and the problem is where to find it.

Every effort will be made to make the charity appropriation bills stay within safe limits. The State Board of Public Charities has recommended \$3,333,322.34, and it is believed that last session these charities received \$12,728,766. The insane must have four millions at a minimum. The new penitentiary and the various state charitable institutions lately authorized must also be taken care of.

Chairman James F. Woodward, of the House appropriations committee, last night said that he hoped to be able to find ten millions for roads. He said that he was not committed to twenty millions, although if it was possible he would be glad to vote such a sum for highways. But, he candidly said, he did not see that sum in sight. The chairman has been lying awake nights trying to make the sixty millions of available revenue fit the demands. Legislators are also working on the same problem and conjecturing about revenue raisers.

It is the plan of the committee on appropriations to get down to hard work on the general appropriation bill after this week. Within the next few days the committee will report out all deficiency and refunding bills, which will clear the decks in part.

Rush of Bills Is to Start Tonight

Over 100 bills have been prepared by members of the House of Representatives in anticipation of the close of the period for introducing proposed legislation, which falls on Wednesday of this week, and it is believed that with the return of representatives to the city to-day after the Easter holiday more will be brought here. Thus far almost 1,300 bills have appeared in the House, far less than the record-breaking number presented last session. Despite the fact that the great majority of the bills introduced last session, many have been changing new bills to the clerks, some of them almost identical with legislation of the sessions of 1911 and 1913.

The final week for introducing legislation always brings a rush of appropriation bills, and as the House appropriations committee plans to start out its first list within the next ten days it is probable that the charities which have not offered their measures will attend to it. The proposed new building code, drafted by a commission provided for by the Legislature four years ago is expected to appear this week, together with a number of other measures which have been more or less discussed.

As the Senate does not establish a time limit on bills, the highway improvement plans and educational advancement ideas of Governor Brumbaugh will be worked out in the upper house when working out the executive, who is devoting his time now to the local option, compensation, child labor and other bills on which he has taken a stand.

Orchard Force to Close Up Work Soon

State orchard demonstrations will come to a close in the week of April 12, according to an announcement made by State Zoologist H. A. Surrance to-day. The demonstrations began with March and the sixth week starts to-morrow with ten counties listed for the lectures and displays of ways in which trees can be treated for insect pests, pruned and made to bear a finer quality of fruit. "I am of the opinion that the attendance at the demonstrations this year is greater up to date than ever before and a record will be made," said Dr. Surrance. The interest in fruit growing is spreading and the farmers and orchard owners of the state are realizing that it is better to improve trees standing than to extend large areas by new trees. The questions asked demonstrate the new idea of taking care of trees is general.

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Numerous Measures in the Hands of the Legislature on Subject of Monuments

Pennsylvania's legislators for the session of 1915 are not without their full share of patriotic sentiment. In the Legislature now apparently nearing the completion of its work a large number of measures have been presented calling for recognition in one form or another of the place won by this Commonwealth in the history of the American Revolution and the Civil War. In addition the Spanish-American War veterans have been given recognition.

For the most part the bills offered call for the erection of monuments to famous men or women of Revolutionary or Civil War times, or the acquisition of land for the establishment of public parks commemorative of significant incidents in the nation's history.

Senator Martin, of Cumberland county, has presented a bill which is designed to honor the memory of the famed Molly Pitcher. This bill calls for an appropriation of \$15,000 for the erection of a monument to Carlisle to commemorate the memory of the heroine of the battle of Monmouth. Molly Pitcher is the only woman indexed in the archives of the State of Pennsylvania. Her maiden name was Mary Ludwig and she lived in Carlisle. She married John Hays, who served in the Continental Army. Mary went with her husband and her work in carrying water in a picher to the soldiers on many battlefields brought her the name of "Molly Pitcher." Molly's husband, at the Battle of Monmouth, on June 28, 1778, was shot down at the mouth of his cannon, and before an order could be given to fire the rear with the unmanned gun, Molly rushed to the place of her husband and for eight hours manned the gun. Her heroism served to rally the troops and aided in winning the battle. She was summoned before General Washington, who breveted her sergeant. The French called her El Capitain, or "Captain Molly."

Molly returned to Carlisle with Hays, who had not been mortally wounded. Hays died some years later and Molly married a man named McCauley. After the war she returned to Carlisle. The Legislature granted Molly a pension of \$40 a year, "for services rendered in the Revolutionary War." The vouchers for this pension the woman signed by making her mark. Some of the vouchers have the name McCauley, while others are spelled McCauley. Citizens of Carlisle have erected a humble monument to mark her grave in the old graveyard at Carlisle.

A monument to General Anthony Wayne is the aim of a measure offered by Senator Thompson, of Beaver county. This bill creates a commission of three members to be known as the Wayne Memorial Commission. This commission is authorized to purchase a piece of ground in Harmony township, Beaver county, between Ambridge and Baden, whereon was fought a memorial battle during the early days of Pennsylvania. In this battle General Wayne led the victorious forces. The commission is also empowered to erect on the land purchased a suitable monument to the memory of General Wayne. The sum of \$10,000 is appropriated for the work.

The site on which General George Washington assembled the Continental Army and started on the memorable trip across the ice-clogged Delaware river, on the night preceding the Battle of Trenton, which took place on December 25, 1776, will be marked with a monument "if a bill offered by Senator Buckman, of Bucks county, comes to a vote." The bill directs the purchase by the State of the site and adjoining grounds, the entire plot not to exceed 90 acres, and the establishment of a public park to be known as Washington Crossing Park. This park is to be maintained as nearly as possible in its original condition as a military camp, and the bill authorizes the State to permit the use of the grounds for National Guard encampments. An appropriation of \$25,000 is carried by the bill.

A bill presented by Senator Jenkins, Philadelphia, provides for a statue of a Continental soldier to be placed on the monument commemorating the Battle of Germantown, in "Merion Park," Germantown. The monument has been erected and it is the desire of citizens of Germantown that it be enlarged and improved by the addition of a statue of a Continental soldier. The bill appropriates the sum of \$3,000 for the proposed statue.

Senator Vane, of Philadelphia, is the sponsor of a bill in the Senate which aims to preserve the historic site of Militia Hill and Fort Mifflin, in Whitemarsh township, Montgomery county. Upon these sites Fort Washington was erected. The Vane bill provides that the sites shall become a public park and be maintained with their fortifications as nearly as possible in their original condition. The measure also calls for an adequate site for the park on the east side of Philadelphia, extending from the park along both sides of the Wissahickon creek to a point near the entrance of the creek into Fairmount Park. Senator Vane's bill calls for an appropriation of \$15,000 to carry into effect the provisions of the proposed act and the work is given into the charge of the Fairmount Park Commission.

A bronze replica of the Houdon statue of Washington to be erected in the State Capitol is the aim of the bill offered by Senator Biddleman, of Dauphin county. The bill appropriates the sum of \$3,750 for the purchase of the statue. The original of the statue is in the possession of the State at Richmond, Va. An act of the Virginia Assembly permits a firm in Providence, R. I., to make copies and reproductions of the Houdon statue for sale to the makers of the copy. These moulds belong to the State of Virginia.

The Stern bill to provide for a commission to study the advisability of purchasing the properties opposite Independence Square for a public park is now in the hands of the Governor, and action on it is expected within the next week. This measure passed both branches of the Legislature with a virtually unanimous vote.

The Allen Infantry, known to fame as "The First Defenders," come in for a large share of recognition through a bill presented by Senator Schantz, of Lehigh county. The bill provides for the erection of a tablet in the City Park, of Allentown, to commemorate the "valor, services and patriotism" of the Allentown soldiers.

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