

LEGISLATURE NEWS

ROAD ISLANDS THING OF PAST

Sadler Says That Highway Construction Must Be Continuous Hereafter

Future highway construction in Pennsylvania is going to be on continuous lines and the day of the so-called "concrete islands" on State highways is over according to State Highway Commissioner Lewis Sadler told delegations which called upon him in company with legislators. For several years communists have been favored with improvement of roads which while they got rid of bad stretches did not link up with modern highways.

Mr. Sadler today let it be known that he considered such construction "bad business." Incidentally, he noticed to boroughs that they must lay their mains and make changes to pipes before the State starts in to improve streets which are on the lines of main highways as renewed.

Commissioner Sadler told several callers from Western Pennsylvania that the improvement of lateral highways was most important and that the State's construction of main highways should be supplemented by county or township improvement of the roads which connect the main roads with towns or which lead to other main highways.

On the largest delegations was composed of Washington county people and headed by County Comptroller T. J. Underwood. It included M. Day, of Washington, and some other delegates headed by William Kyler. This delegation asked that the route between York and Washington be improved and that the route between York and Prosperity, but no decision was made. Construction at would link up with Hickory, Canby and Venice were asked.

Construction between Shippensburg and East Berlin was a committee composed of James Cole, Robert C. Miller and Rev. W. W. Adams county, which suggested a cut of six miles. The arrangements were made by a committee from Luzerne and Columbia counties on state aid for road between Benton and Lockhart. Both counties will do considerable construction in connection with the State.

Warren county will have about a million and a half dollars spent by the State on its State highways in the next four years and Highway Commissioner Sadler will expect the county to help out by improving some of its own roads. The share of the county in the construction program outlined today may reach \$60,000.

Ex-Representative John Higgins, Representative W. E. Wood and Commissioner E. M. Lowe, A. C. Beck and S. A. Cramer, of Warren, today discussed Warren county length with the commissioner and a program agreed upon for construction of state expense in the county. The state will build through the county for the distance to the curbs of that street railroads would have to be on concrete foundations and cutting of the roads allowed for years at least.

Three Men Killed, One Hurt in Mine Accident at Scranton

Scranton, Feb. 20.—Three men were killed and one injured in an accident yesterday afternoon at the Greenwood colliery of the Delaware and Hudson Company. The four men were riding to the surface on a mine car loaded with coal when it derailed, falling into the shaft, burying the men.

REVENUE BILLS NO LIKELY TO GO

Dawson Thinks That There Will Be No Necessity Because of Snyder's Activity

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 20.—"No revenue raising measures now on the statute books will be repealed at this session," Representative Hugh A. Dawson, of Lackawanna, chairman of the ways and means committee of the House said today. "If anything there will be a general tightening up of the laws. The State's mercantile tax is to remain a law. Auditor General Snyder has made it plain that the merchants must pay a tax based on the amount of business actually done, not on a nominal sum as has been the case in years gone by. With this being done, the state will hardly miss the million and one half dollars now received annually from the Commonwealth's share of the money paid for the privilege of selling liquor in Pennsylvania," Dawson added.

But Snyder has already launched his plans for securing a complete mercantile appraisal in every county in the state. In my own county, he has named special appraisers to assist the appraiser named by the county commissioners and he has done the same thing in Luzerne. I understand, special appraisers are to be named in every county. "The Scranton legislator observed, "The Auditor General is not going to stop with the mercantile appraisal. He is out to see that the state gets every dollar that is coming to it from the direct and indirect taxes. The other revenue raising measures that are now laws. One has but to study the figures in the auditor general's office to learn the work that has already been accomplished along this line," Mr. Dawson said.

"It will be difficult to estimate the revenue the state will receive through the issuance of liquor licenses this year because of the country's going 'bone dry' July 1, and because of the national prohibition being scheduled to become effective next January. In a number of counties, the license year begins January 1. In other places, the license dates as of April 1. With the legislature likely to pass a bill permitting licenses to be issued from month to month, an permitting license holders to have paid a year's license to have a portion of their money refunded because of the closing of the saloons in July, the revenue will be curtailed considerably. It will fall away short of the \$1,535,556.43 that the state received from this source in 1918.

Those communities where liquor is now sold will be hard hit with the prohibition. Mr. Dawson went on. "Last year, a total of \$4,024,578.94 was distributed among the cities, boroughs and townships of the state as their share of the license money paid by the brewers, wholesalers and retail liquor dealers from their profits.

In 1917, figures taken from the records in the auditor general's office, show that there were a total of 10,285 retail liquor licenses issued in Pennsylvania. Of this number, 1901 were in Philadelphia; 724 in Pittsburgh; 264 in Scranton; 1336 in cities of the third class; 16 in cities operating under special charters in Pennsylvania. The state got \$1,535,556.43 of this amount and the balance \$4,024,578.94 was distributed among the various cities, boroughs and townships. The state's share from the various licenses follows: retail, \$574,908.42; wholesale, \$612,472.59; brewers, \$271,280.50; distillers, \$15,342.70; bottlers, \$35,102.22; and state brewers to whom licenses were issued direct by the state treasurer, \$26,250.

Pershing Will Send Twenty-Sixth Division Home Early in April

Washington, Feb. 20.—General Pershing now plans to send the Twenty-sixth (New England National Guard) Division home the first part of April, but the movement will depend entirely "upon the availability of shipping" at that time. This information was confirmed in a cablegram from the American commander in chief, received by Representative Fuller, of Massachusetts, who had called an inquiry to the general.

Middletown

The Literary Society of the Middletown High school will render a patriotic program on Washington and Lincoln's birthday on Friday afternoon, and will be followed by Callion to order by president, installation of officers which are as follows: President, Clarence Wallace; vice-president, Harold Bachman; secretary, Love Hanna; critic, Dorothy George; treasurer, B. Smith; selection by society; "Lincoln's Birthday," Miss Marie Bortner; "Lincoln's Boyhood Days," Miss Jean Trester; tribute to Lincoln, Miss Esther McClure; violin solo, Miss Mildred Botts; address in Independence Hall, February 22, 1861, by Mrs. J. H. Redd, G. R. Nutty, W. Guthrie and George S. Davison.

services at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rhan, South Union street, at 1.30 o'clock and 2 in the Riverside chapel. The Rev. James Cunningham, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Middletown Cemetery.

who are employed by the local car plant, will leave March 1 for France where they will be sent by the company to rebuild cars. The Middletown Auto Club will hold its annual banquet at the Greenwood House, Elizabethtown. The Woman's Club of town, will hold a Washington's birthday tea at the home of Mrs. Ira Springer, North Spring street, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Samuel Kinsey, wife and two daughters, who reside in Royaltown, will leave next week for the South where they will make their future home. At a meeting of the Jitney Club held at the home of the Misses Minnaugh's, East Emaus street, after some lengthy discussions by the members it was decided to start a memorial fund and \$100 was set aside by the club.

The board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. decided to sell the building, of which a part has been standing since the fire of 1910. N. C. Fuhrman received a letter yesterday from his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Fuhrman, of Dauphin, that her son, Sylvester Fuhrman, who had been reported as killed while in action overseas, was seriously wounded and is in a base hospital, France.

Mrs. Harry Troop, who has charge of the sewing department of the local Red Cross, urges all members to be present at the Red Cross room this evening as a special allotment of goods arrived to-day, which will be made up into morning blouses, children's sweaters and stockings.

Store Opens at 8:30 A. M. and Closes at 5 P. M.

KAUFMAN'S MARKET SQUARE UNDERSELLING STORE

Important Sales For Bargain Friday at Kaufman's

Our Annual Spring Sale House Dresses Famous Nationally Advertised "Bieberman's" House Dresses In "Regulation" and "Billy Burke" Models—in a great variety of patterns and styles.



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House Dresses at \$1.95, \$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95
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300 Pairs Ladies' Washable Kid Gloves 98c in Browns, Tans and Pearl, 3-row stitching, self color, single clasp. A glove that was made to sell for much more than the price we ask. Sizes 6 to 7 1/2.

One Day Sale—Friday A Small Lot Misses' & Small Women's Winter Coats Formerly Selling at \$15.00 and \$18.00. Choice of the Lot—One Day Only \$5.95

Friday Only—Women's and Misses' Dresses, One Day Sale \$8.95 One hundred and ten (110) MEN'S WEAR SERGE, Taffeta and Satin Dresses.

Our Big Sale of Muslin Underwear Continues With Unabated Enthusiasm in Buying

More than 3000 of the very daintiest garments in muslin underwear started this important Sale, and the assortments are just as good for you now. We had the good fortune to buy these garments at less than regular figures and the savings are passed on to you. Friday will be a very busy day in this department. Cottons are high, but these prices prove our underselling ability.

- Envelope Chemise In the Sale
Petticoats In the Sale
Gowns In the Sale
NAINSOOK ENVELOPE CHEMISE
CORSET COVERS In the Sale
Drawers In the Sale
Bloomers In the Sale

Women's Wool Serge Dresses \$2.45 WOOL SERGE DRESSES — black, navy and Copenhagen—all sizes from misses' 16 to women's 44. Friday only, \$2.45. Be Early.

Last Call—Friday Round Up Ladies' White Chamollette Gloves a final clearance of 100, slightly soiled, but they are washable; sizes 6 to 7 1/2. Friday, pair 59c

Friday In the Bargain Basement

- Longcloth, Calicoes, Turkish Towels, Huck Towels, Odd Dishes, Floor Brushes, Gas Heaters, Muslin Sheets, Pillow Cases

Men's and Boys' Clothing Specials—Friday 3 Big Lots Men's Suits & O'coats Lot 1—Values Up to \$18.00 Sale Price, at \$11.75

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