

# PLANNING WORK FOR MODEL ROADS

Pennsylvania to Lead in Highway Construction.

## CONTRACTS UNDER NEW LAW

Modern System of Improving Thoroughfares—Purpose of Proposed Bond Issue—Support of Tender Administration.

The State Highway Department is planning for Pennsylvania the best system of improved roads in this country. An official of that department predicted recently that when the work it has projected shall have been completed the roads of the Keystone State would be unsurpassed by the famous highways of France, Germany and other European countries. Model roads for Pennsylvania has been made possible by the enactment by the legislature at its recent session of the measure popularly known as the "Sprout road bill." This legislation received the earnest support of Governor John K. Tener, who during the campaign of last year in public addresses repeatedly emphasized the fact that he was an enthusiastic good roads advocate and that the influence of his administration would be exerted for the advancement of the good roads movement. Since its inception the good roads movement in this state has been under Republican legislation.

The State Highway Department was established during the administration of Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, and the act under which it was organized is the most liberal of all highway acts where the state assists in paying a portion of the cost of reconstructing roads. Under this law \$3,500,000 was appropriated and expended for reconstruction work from June 1, 1903, to May 31, 1911. During that period 850 miles of road were reconstructed. Ten per cent. of the amount appropriated was set aside as a maintenance fund and apportioned to the several townships and counties according to the number of miles of improved roads therein, which had been maintained to conform to the state's standard. Under this law the state paid seventy-five per cent. of the cost of reconstruction; the township and county each paying one-eighth of the total cost of improvement. The maintenance of these roads after construction was placed in the hands of the township supervisors.

### Improvements Under Sprout Law.

The great demand for a system of connected improved highways and for a system of maintenance of the roads already reconstructed and of those reconstructed and improved in the future had its consummation in the enactment of the Sprout bill. This act reorganized the State Highway Department. It provides for two systems of road work. The first designated as "State Highways," is comprised of about 8000 miles of public roads and turnpikes as described in 296 routes. These roads are the principal main thoroughfares or highways, forming and being main travelled roads or routes between the county seats of the several counties of the commonwealth, and to the state line and between principal cities, boroughs and towns. They will be marked, built or rebuilt, repaired and maintained by and at the sole expense of the state and they will be under the exclusive authority and jurisdiction of the State Highway Department. Surveys of each route must be made and a map showing all details must be prepared. The several routes shall be taken over by the department on or before June 1, 1912, except that portion of a route which traverses a turnpike road upon which tolls are collected.

The taking over of the toll roads will be deferred until the money from the proposed bond issue becomes available. The bonds cannot be issued until the resolution amending section four of article nine of the state constitution is adopted at the next session of the legislature and afterwards approved by the people. Section four after amendment will read as follows: "No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the state, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the state in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed in the aggregate at any one time, one million of dollars; provided, however that the General Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the state to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the purposes of improving and rebuilding the highways of the commonwealth."

### Three Millions Available.

The work of maintenance, repair and construction of state highways will be carried on as equally and uniformly in the several counties as conditions will permit. All contracts for the construction of state highways must be let to the lowest responsible bidder, with the option on the part of the State Highway Commissioner to reject any or all bids. Contracts must be made in the name of the commonwealth, must be approved by the Governor and must be approved as to form and legality by the Attorney

### General or Deputy Attorney General.

The Sprout law appropriates three million dollars to establish and carry on the work of the department and for the purpose of maintenance, repairing and construction of state highways and for the payment of the state's share of the maintenance and repairs of state aid highways.

Under the new law the State Highway Department has made five contracts, aggregating about \$500,000. Of these two are for the reconstruction of the Narrows Road in Juniata and Mifflin Counties, between Mifflintown and Lewistown. The other contracts are for work on the National Pike in Fayette and Somerset Counties.

State aid highways are provided for in the Sprout law in a manner similar to that provided for under the former law. Applications for state aid in the reconstruction of township roads can be made by the supervisors of a township to the county commissioners, and the county commissioners must then make application to the State Highway Department asking the state to join in the reconstruction of the roads. In this case the township and county each pay 25 per cent. of the total cost of the work, the state paying 50 per cent. The board of township supervisors or county commissioners, without the intervention of the other, may make application direct to the State Highway Department asking for state aid in the reconstruction of township roads, and in doing so said township or county agrees to pay 50 per cent. of the cost of such improvement, the state paying the balance of the cost.

### Applications For State Aid.

A county reconstructing township roads under the act of June 26, 1905, known as the "Flinn law," may make application to the Department asking for state aid in the reconstruction of said roads, agreeing to pay one-half of the total cost, the state paying the balance. The state hereafter will maintain all roads reconstructed as state aid roads and charge one-half of the cost of such maintenance to the respective township or county in which the road is located. Twenty-nine applications, asking for state aid under the law calling for the reconstruction of sixty-four miles, have been received at the State Highway Department. Several sections of road are ready to be put under contract as state aid roads. The Department is authorized to make a contract for the amount of the share to be paid by the state, plus the respective shares of the townships and counties. The appropriation to carry out the provisions of this section of the act is \$1,000,000, which, added to the township and county shares, gives \$2,000,000 for state aid work for the two years ending May 31, 1913.

The act of May 15, 1909, is repealed and superseded by the Jones act, approved June 14, 1911, which provides for the election of township supervisors and gives the State Highway Department an oversight of the 86,000 miles of earth roads in the state by providing for the board of supervisors of a township making an annual report under oath to the Department on or before January 1 in each and every year. It also provides "that all money appropriated under the provisions of the act shall be expended by the supervisors of the respective townships for the making of permanent improvements on the township's roads, according to plans and specifications furnished by the State Highway Department and under the supervision of the State Highway Department, such supervision to be without cost to the township," and giving the State Highway Commissioner the right to withhold from a township, neglecting or refusing to expend the money as directed, the amount to which it would otherwise be entitled.

### Revenue From Motor Licenses.

The Sprout act also provides for the furnishing by the State Highway Commissioner of bulletins of instructions to each board of township supervisors and that official is also to furnish free of charge standards, plans and specifications for permanent improvements in the building of culverts, establishing of grades, proper drainage, and such other matters as he may deem essential. It abolishes the work tax in all townships in the state and provides for a bonus of 50 per cent. of the total amount of road taxes collected to be paid by the state, not to exceed more than twenty dollars for each mile of township road in said township. The board of supervisors of a township is to consist of three members, who shall be elected as follows: The term of all supervisors elected in 1908 shall expire the first Monday of December, 1911. The term of all supervisors elected in 1909 and 1910 shall expire the first Monday of December, 1912. The supervisors will meet on the first Monday in December, 1911, and yearly thereafter. Many townships have asked the Department to furnish information and plans for small bridges and culverts and to establish grades for the cutting down of hills and the improvement of the roads.

In addition to appropriations by the legislature the State Highway Department receives a large revenue from motor vehicle licenses. From January 1 to October 1 of this year the revenue from this source was \$418,631. During that period about 10,000 more licenses were issued than during the entire year of 1910. The total issue on October 1 was: Registrations, 43,074; drivers, 15,483; dealers, 3960; motor cycles, 4727, and special, 849.

### Plenty of Poise.

"Has plenty of poise, has she?" "Well, she looked at Niagara falls through a lorgnette."—Pittsburg Post.

### Is Improving.

Daniel Little of Eagles Merc who had both bones in his left leg crushed and broken in several places while trailing logs for Chas Frey, on December 4, had the plaster cast removed last week and the healing is continuing nicely. It will probably be three or four weeks before Mr. Little will be able to walk without crutch cane. A peculiar feature of the occurrence was the assertion of one of Mr. Little's sons on the day of the accident that something awful would happen, and he implored his father not to go to work. The father, of course, thinking it only a whim, went, but the son, who was also to help, positively refused to go, saying that his father was going to be killed. The accident occurred a few minutes after work began.—Dushore Review.

### High School Debate.

A very interesting debate was held in the High School last Friday afternoon. Very strong arguments were put forth on either side, each debater showed herself master of her position and presented her argument in such a logical manner as to show her position on the subject to be correct. The question for debate was, Resolved: That the Indians have been more cruelly treated than the Negroes. The affirmative side was represented by Fay Hess, Esther Vough and Anna Buschhausen, while Freda Armes, Helen Carpenter and Margaret Draper argued for the negative. The Judges decided in favor of the Negative side.

Interest is rapidly increasing in debates and it is expected that our school will compete with neighboring High Schools in the near future.

### Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed and delivered, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Laporte, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, on Friday, Feb 9, 1912, at ten o'clock a. m., the following described property, to wit:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated in Davidson township, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, described as follows: Situated on the outlet of Lewis Lake about one mile above the village of Sonestown and bounded on the North by lands of A. T. Armstrong, on the East by lands of A. T. Armstrong on the South by lands of L. H. Buck and on the West by lands of G. Philips. CONTAINING one acre of land, be the same more or less, and being the same premises which Peter Swank, this defendant, purchased from Bryan Campbell by deed still unrecorded. Land all improved and having erected thereon a frame dwelling house, together with out buildings. Situated along the public road and being a desirable property. Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of Peter Swank at the suit of C. A. Starr, J. G. COTT, Sheriff.

Mullen, Attorney.  
Sheriff's Office, Laporte Pa.,  
Jan. 15, 1912.

George Everling of Overton was in town Sunday.

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### Liquor License Notices.

Notice is hereby given that the following applications for License have been filed in my office and the same will be presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Sullivan County, Penn'a., on Monday the 12th day of February, 1912, at two o'clock, P. M.:

- CHERRY TWP.  
Cherry Mills.
- John E. Gross, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Leonard Hilbert, wholesale license, Mildred.
  - Peter Boll, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Frank F. Schaad, distillers license, Dushore.
  - James J. Connor, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Joseph A. Helmsman, tavern license, Dushore.
  - John Daly, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Louis Gatta, tavern license, Dushore.
  - John Touhey, retail liquor license, Dushore.
  - Francis J. Sack, retail liquor license, Dushore.
  - Francis H. Finan, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Frank T. McMahon, wholesale license, Dushore.
  - E. A. McNeven, wholesale license, Dushore.
- Murray.
- William Burke, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Satterfield.
  - Patrick McGee, tavern license, Dushore.
- COLLEY TWP.  
Colley.
- William E. Dieffenbach, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Lopez.
  - Louis Teitelbaum, wholesale license, Dushore.
  - James P. McGee, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Steve Halabuk, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Joseph Hrubenak, retail liquor license, Dushore.
  - Anthony Rouse, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Samuel Yarosh, retail liquor license, Dushore.
  - John Slovinski, tavern license, Dushore.

### DAVIDSON TWP.

- Sonestown.
- Harry Basley, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Smith Boudman, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Muncy Valley.
  - Brady Houseknecht, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Ellery T. Phillips, tavern license, Dushore.
  - J. William Moran, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Emmons.
  - Mary Forbes Suore, tavern license, Dushore.
- DUSHORE BOROUGH.
- Thomas Carroll, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Thomas W. Gahan, wholesale license, Dushore.
  - Harold H. Hatton, retail liquor license, Dushore.
  - York W. Stafford, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Margaret Connor, retail liquor license, Dushore.
  - Robert McGee, retail liquor license, Dushore.
  - Philip E. Grace, tavern license, Dushore.
  - Patrick J. Finan, tavern license, Dushore.
  - B. F. Saxer, retail liquor license, Dushore.

### HILLSGROVE TWP.

- Hillsgrove.
- Thomas S. Tompkins, tavern license, Dushore.
- EAGLES MERE BOROUGH.
- William L. Parmeter, tavern license, Dushore.
- LAPORTE BOROUGH.
- R. W. Carpenter, tavern license, Dushore.
  - John Hassen, Jr., tavern license, Dushore.
- LAPORTE TWP.
- Nordmont.
- Geo. M. Fiester, tavern license, Dushore.
- SHREWSBURY TOWNSHIP.
- Eaglesmere.
- J. H. Stackhouse, tavern license, Dushore.

ALBERT F. HEESS, Clerk.  
Clerk's office, Laporte, Pa., Jan. 22, 1912.

### Jury List For February Court.

List of persons with their occupation and place of residence drawn by Traverse and Grand Jurors for February Term and sessions, beginning Monday, February 12, 1912.

NAME	OCCUPATION	RESIDENCE
Edward Bahl	farmer	Forks
Daniel Harziz	laborer	Ricketts
William Burgess	farmer	Elkland
Harry Bigger	machinist	Ricketts
Lawrence Connor	farmer	Forks
Edward Frey	teacher	Forks
Jacob H. Fries	laborer	Fox
Samuel Galough	barber	Laporte
George Grimes	laborer	Hillsgrove
George Harziz	mill-man	Cherry
John Hileman, Jr.	plumber	Dushore
James Lavelle	miner	Lopez
Thomas Lynott	miner	Lopez
Sylvanus U. Murray	bookkeeper	Fox
Hiram W. Oslar	machineman	Bernice
Andrew O. Malley	miner	Lopez
James H. Spence	miner	Bernice
George Sauer	farmer	Elkland
Nathan Persun	surveyor	Dushore
Seth P. Shoemaker	farmer	Elkland
William Sergeant	farmer	Fox
Anthony Touchner	miner	Bernice
Jamie Wheatley	miner	Bernice
John Wheatley	farmer	Davidson

TRAVERSE AND PETIT JURORS

NAME	OCCUPATION	RESIDENCE
William Cook	miner	Bernice
Peter P. Murray	merchant	Lopez
Donald Hughes	teacher	Dushore
Thomas B. Thompkins	farmer	Elkland
Edward L. Travelet	laborer	Jamison City
Charles Rohe	farmer	Forks
James Murphy	farmer	Cherry
Harry Miller	laborer	Jamison City
Lawrence Dunn	justice peace	Lopez
Andrew McDonald	miner	Bernice
Lewis Hutton	miner	Bernice
James Morgan	farmer	Fox
John Schaad	coal operatr	Bernice
Sylvanus U. Murray	farmer	Fox
Wendell Sick	farmer	Cherry
John J. Murphy	farmer	Cherry
Chauncey Wheatley	farmer	Elkland
Samuel Darby	laborer	Hillsgrove
Emmanuel Erie	farmer	Colley
James Waples	miner	Lopez
Charles Young	laborer	Jamison City
John Cole	clerk	Dushore
Harris Collins	miner	Bernice
Maynard Phillips	farmer	Davidson
Otto Behr	farmer	Lopez
John L. Utz	laborer	Dushore
Harry Gould	laborer	Lopez
Patrick Driscoll	laborer	Bernice
William L. Dyer	blacksmith	Colley
Archie Brown	miner	Cherry
Thomas Cowley	farmer	Forks
Daniel Pealer	shoemaker	Lopez
Samuel Booth	laborer	Shrewsbury
John C. Miller	sawyer	Ricketts
Floyd Ketchum	farmer	Fox
Chauncey Cunningham	plumber	Dushore
Ralph King	blacksmith	Davidson
William Kless	farmer	Davidson
John Farley	farmer	Cherry
Samuel McCarty	farmer	Elkland
Foster Meyers	laborer	Mt. Vernon
Maurice Dunn	clerk	Dushore
Walter Hazzen	teacher	Dushore
Frank Bahl	farmer	Forks
Charles Dyer	farmer	Davidson
Henry Vogt	farmer	Elkland
Jereah McFatvre	laborer	Jamison City
Walter F. Feltz	laborer	Davidson

### Roll Call.

- Bernice and Mildred Absent
  - Sonestown Present
  - Muncy Valley Absent
  - Ricketts Absent
  - Nordmont Absent
  - Forksville Absent
  - Hillsgrove Absent
- Remember we furnish stamped envelopes and paper to correspondents.

### Register's Notices:

Notice is hereby given that the following Accounts of Executors, Administrators and Trustees have been filed in my office:

First and Final Account of Lee R. Gavitt and Margaret S. Fiester, Executors of the last will and testament of Harry M. Fiester, late of LaPorte Township Deceased.

And the same will be presented to the orphans Court of Sullivan County, to be held at LaPorte, Penna., on the Twelfth day of February A. D. 1912, at 3 o'clock P. M., for confirmation and allowance, and the same shall then be confirmed Ni. Si.; and unless Exceptions are filed within ten days thereafter, Confirmation Absolute will be entered thereon.

ALBERT F. HEESS,  
Register of Wills.  
Register's office, Laporte, Pa.  
January 15, 1912.

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### COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, HON. CHAS. E. TERRY President Judge, Honorables James P. Miller and Dennis Keefe Assoc. Judges of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Common Pleas for the County of Sullivan, have issued their precept, bearing date the 29th day of Dec. 1911, to me directed, for holding the several courts in the Borough of Laporte, on Monday the 12th day of February 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m. Therefore, notice is hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace and Constables within the county, that they be then and there in their proper person at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, with their rolls, records, inquisitions examinations and other remembrances to those things to which their offices appertain to be done. And to those who are bound by their recognizance to prosecute against prisoners who are or shall be in the jail of the said county of Sullivan, are hereby notified to be then and there to prosecute against them as will be just.

J. G. COTT, Sheriff.  
Sheriff's Office, LaPorte, Pa., Jan. 6, 1912.

### Orphans Court Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the First and Final Account of Judson Brown, Trustee for the sale of Real Estate of James Lane, late of Cherry Township, Deceased, under proceedings in Partition in the Orphans Court of Sullivan County to No. 1 February term, 1911, has been filed in my office.

And the same will be presented to the Orphans Court of Sullivan County, to be held at LaPorte, Pa., on the Twelfth day of February A. D. 1912, at 3 o'clock p. m., for confirmation and allowance, and the same shall then be confirmed Ni. Si.; and Confirmation Absolute will be entered thereon by the Clerk of the Orphans Court, unless Exceptions in writing are previously filed.

ALBERT F. HEESS,  
Clerk of the Orphans Court.  
Clerk's Office, Laporte, Pa.,  
January 15, 1912.

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