IN QUEST OF KATE

By MARIAN WARNER WILDMAN

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He stooped and picked it up—a lace edged cobweb handkerchief, elusively fragrant and marked with a daintily embroidered "Kate."

Harper watched the couples gliding by him. "Jane—Gladys—Anne," he murmured. "Dorothy—Isabel—Ruth. Now, which of the hundred I don't know is Kate? Kate!" he repeated musingly.

The music stopped with a crash, and the young lawyer mingled with the promenading throng, a frowning, preoccupied expression in his eyes.

"Look at that coat of Ted Harper's, Miss Cavanaugh," drawled a gilded youth to his companion. "He cares as little for clothes that fit as I"—

"For anything else, Reggie," she completed. "He's too good looking to need to care. He's like the lilies. Not that he doesn't toil and spin," she added quickly. "He's worth a dozen of you lazy society boys—is Theodore Harper!"

Her voice was low, but the passing owner of the name turned suddenly and came back with outstretched hand.

"Rena! I was afraid you hadn't come. Can't I have this dance?"

"I saved it for you, Ted. And we'll talk—I know you'd rather."

"Good girl!" he replied gratefully as he escorted her to the moonlit piazza. There, with the music softened by distance, he was content. He even forgot the mystery of Kate while he and Rena laughed and chatted.

"Now that you are getting rich and famous, Teddy, you ought to marry. You're plenty old enough—I know your age to a minute."

"And I yours, my dear! I haven't forgotten being dragged to see you when you were three weeks old nor how I cried when our mothers made me kiss you!"

"Poor boy! It has been a long friendship, Ted. It would have broken my heart if you had taken whittled fingers and love affairs to any other girl."

"Oh, by Jove, that reminds me! I'm in love again, Rena!"

Rena's silvery laugh was anything but credulous.

"I am, honestly. Aren't you interested this time?"

"Profoundly! Who is the happy lady?"

"Her name is Kate."

"Kate—what?"

"I don't know."

"Well, really, Teddy, what do you know about her?"

"This!" said Harper, laying something in her soft hand. Rena held the handkerchief up to the moonlight.

"You always were susceptible, Ted, but—to fall in love with a bit of linen and lace!"

"I haven't. It's the suggestion, the atmosphere, the—the"—

"The Violette de Parme?" suggested Rena helpfully. "We all use it, you know."

"Rena, you're heartless! I'd counted on your help."

"Teddy, what is it you want me to do?"

"To tell me all the Kates who may possibly have been in this jam tonight. Then I'll devote myself between briefs to narrowing the inquiry."

"Kate Simpson, Kate Ray, Kate"—

"Hold on, Rena! One at a time, please."

"Very well. Katie Simpson you ought to know. You went to dancing school with her. She has dimples."

"She's not the Kate I'm after. I remember her now. Dimples in a baby are all right, but—how about Kate Ray?"

"Engaged to Reggy Van Dyke. You knew that, of course."

"Of course I didn't. Who next?"

"Kate Delemater, a new girl in town; handsome, tall, black eyes, awfully clever. Shall I take you in and introduce you?"

"Thanks, I can wait. I'll have some one of the fellows get permission to take me around for a call. If she doesn't prove to be the real Kate I'll come to you, say Friday, for more clews."

"You might come in any case. I shall be wild to know. Yes, really," in reply to his protest as she arose, "I must go in now."

Harper offered a reluctant arm, and they passed from the freshness of the June night to the glare and gayety within.

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The October evening was cool, and Harper found Rena by a fire of snapping hickory.

"I'm too delightfully weary to rise," she said. "I've been in the country all day. Look!" with a comprehensive wave of her hand. The library was aglow with lavish masses of color—the orange and scarlet of maple, the crimson of sumac, the purple and russet of oak and beech. "This is my October carnival. I always celebrate when the autumn gets into my blood. Oh, the glory of the woods today, Teddy!" She leaned forward to lay a fagot on the coals. The seasoned wood burst into a whirl of blue and yellow flame. Harper watched her face curiously as she talked. "All summer these leaves have been quiet, contented little dreamers. Today they are new creatures, glorious. It's the transfiguration of their lives, what they have been waiting for all these tranquil weeks."

"The autumn has gone into your blood, Rena. I hardly know you tonight."

Her thoughtfulness vanished.

"What of Kate?" she laughed.

"Oh—Kate! I'm tired of this foolery about Kate."

"Ungrateful! When I've spent my whole summer finding you Kates."

"You have been very good. The fault is in the Kates." He took a notebook from his pocket and laid it open in her lap, leaning against the back of her chair to look over her shoulder as she ran her finger down the neat list.

"Katie Simpson—dimples; Kate Ray—engaged to Reggie Van Dyke; Kate Delemater—I hardly dare mention her, Teddy!"

"You have reason to blush. You know how I abominate the bohemian girl who smokes cigarettes and is always stopping on the verge."

"Didn't you find her clever and handsome?"

"Oh, very! Who next?"

"Kate Randall. Mother suggested her. You did like her a bit, I remember."

"I liked her a great deal. She's a sensible, modest, well behaved young woman. But she's not Kate."

Rena sighed patiently.

"What was the matter with Kittie Pomeroy? There isn't a dearer, sweeter, prettier little girl in"—

"I'm not looking for a dear, sweet, pretty little girl."

"What sort of a girl are you looking for, Ted?"

Harper mused in smiling silence, his eyes idly watching a trembling silver butterfly in her hair.

"I think she's tall and has dark eyes. She's well bred, but not conventional. She's honest and kind. She has brains and a sense of humor. She"— He broke off suddenly. "I have it, Rena! Find me a Kate just like you, and I surrender the handkerchief."

"And your heart?"

The light words had an unfamiliar tremor in them, like that of the butterfly's filigree wings. Something sweet and sudden and unforeseen swept over Harper's heart. He was looking down at the leaves in her lap, and fragments of what she had said of them came back to him. "All summer contented dreamers—today new creatures—the transfiguration of their lives—what they have been waiting for all these tranquil weeks."

"Rena!" he whispered, bending lower over the silver butterfly. And then, as she looked up into his face with startled eyes, "I believe it is you I love!" he added simply.

"And Kate?" Her eyes smiled, though her lashes were still wet.

"Kate was an airy nothing."

"Dear, stupid boy!" Rising, she crossed the room and brought back a great Bible which she laid on his knee. Perching on the arm of his chair, she opened the volume at the pages of family record and laid a finger on one of the names.

"Katherine, daughter of James and Katherine Cavanaugh, born June —."

"Rena, is it you?"

"Who else? But Rena I've been from my cradle, save to one person."

"And he?" jealously.

"And she"—reassuringly—"is a college friend who dislikes my poor nickname. I can show you dozens of letters from her addressed to Miss Kate Cavanaugh. The only other proof I could have offered—her gift to me last Christmas—I unfortunately lost."

"At a ball?"

"At a charity ball—last June."

"I don't believe you're my Kate, after all! I told you my Kate was honest and kind."

"And had a sense of humor. Teddy, do you regret the prosaic end of your romance?"

"Prosaic?"

"Do you?" she insisted.

"I should be an ungrateful fool if I did!"

"Then forgive your Cinderella and give back her glass slipper, dear prince!"

From the pocket nearest his heart Theodore drew a crumpled bit of linen and lace, still faintly fragrant. He laid it in her hand, and his own fingers closed over it.

A Cure for Eczema.

My baby had Eczema so bad that its head was a solid mass of scabs, and its hair all came out. I tried many remedies but none seemed to do any permanent good until I used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. The Eczema is cured, the scabs are gone and the little one's scalp is perfectly clean and healthy, and its hair is growing beautifully again. I cannot give too much praise to DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. —Frank Farmer, Bluff City, Ky. In buying Witch Hazel Salve look out for counterfeits. DeWitt's is the original and the only one containing pure Witch Hazel. The name E. C. DeWitt & Co. is on every box. Sold by Paules & Co., J. D. Gosh & Co.

"When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

The Whitney Opera Company will soon present its latest and by far, most successful comic opera, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" by Stange and Edwards, authors of "Dolly Varden" and other successful comic opera, at the Danville Opera House.

The story of the period known as the War of the Rebellion and the music is suggestive of the famous battle songs of that time, most of which have lived to the present. An exceptionally attractive feature of the dressing of the opera is the enormous crinoline hoop skirts worn by the young women. There is a military atmosphere permeating the opera from the first to the last act, finding expression in story, music and scenic environment.

Better Than Gold.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female trouble; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50 cents. Satisfaction guaranteed by Paules & Co.

Freedom.

We talk largely of freedom, and yet the widest freedom we may enjoy in this world is not a whit greater proportionately than that enjoyed by a white rabbit in a wire fenced city lot back yard.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Kiss.

An American humorist once said that "the only way to define a kiss is to take one." Oliver Wendell Holmes called a kiss the twenty-seventh letter of the alphabet—"the love labial which it takes two to speak plainly."

Nearly Forfeits his Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c. at Paules & Co.'s Drug Store.

A Louisville man waited until the arrival of his golden wedding day before taking steps to secure a divorce from his wife, whom he accuses of inattention, inconsideration and general unsociability. He appears to be the sort of a man a woman ought to be glad to be separated from.

Mysterious Circumstances.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c., at Paules & Co.'s Druggists.

A Game Of Bluff

[Original.]

Tracy Handyside was bright enough to take an excellent stand in his class at college without any close application to his subjects. He was not only bright, but a favorite. His father was rich and parsimonious. Tracy was poor in his own right and a spendthrift. Threat after threat came from home that if the boy didn't mend his ways by spending less money his college course would come to a premature end from lack of remittances. Tracy took it into his head one afternoon to drive four-in-hand. At his favorite stable they got him up a team in the best of style, and Tracy, having taken on a load of fellows and girls, started at a brisk pace on the main road toward the city. The merriment was at its height when a very unpretentious vehicle was seen approaching drawn by an equally unpretentious horse.

"Great heavens!" exclaimed Tracy. "I do believe that's my father coming. What'll I do?"

"Is his eyesight good?" asked one of the party.

"Not very."

"Then ignore him."

The senior Handyside, seeing a party of young people approaching, drew off to the side of the road and waited for them to pass. Unfortunately at the moment of meeting a teamster must needs get in Tracy's way, so that he was obliged to draw rein. He did not notice his father, although the old man shouted in angered tones:

"Tracy!"

Finally the son turned his eyes in his father's direction.

"What do you mean? Upon my word"—

"You are mistaken in your man, sir, I fancy," said Tracy in feigned surprise.

"Mistaken! You young rascal!"

"Whom do you take me for?"

"Take you for? Why, Tracy Handyside, my son! Do you have the effrontery to"—

"Haven't the honor of his acquaintance. I'm sorry I can't take time to prove your error, sir, but I've a party aboard and got to make a twenty mile tour and get back to dinner."

With this he gave the wheelers the lash, tipped the leaders and left the old gentleman aghast between his son's effrontery and a terror lest his eyesight had gone back on him. Tracy drove out of sight, then called a consultation in which it was suggested that his father would drive to college, learn that his son was not there—possibly that he was driving four-in-hand—and Tracy's position would be something terrible.

"I am sorry to mar the pleasure of our drive," said Tracy, "but father will go right past the stable, where he'll likely stop to ask questions; then to my room. I must coach the stablemen and be at my room when the governor calls."

After discussion as to the means of doing this, it was finally determined that Tracy should take one of the leaders and gallop back by a roundabout road and, by a quicker pace, forestall his father. The horse was taken out and divested of all harness except the bridle. Tracy mounted and was soon tearing back to college. Half an hour later he dashed up to the stable from which he had got his team, coached the proprietors and in a few minutes more was in his room behind a fortification of books.

Meanwhile the elder Handyside drove into the town and, passing a stable, drew rein and called for the owner.

"Did you let a four-in-hand this afternoon?" he asked.

"Yes, sir."

"To whom?"

"Mr. Willard Stokes."

"Are you sure it wasn't Handyside?"

"Handyside? Don't know him."

The old gentleman was not convinced. He had had evidence before that his son's creditors would stand by him to the bitter end, and nothing would satisfy him but to go straight to his son's room. He tried the door and found it locked. After a few vigorous knocks he was about to turn away when he heard a voice inside say:

"Get out! I'm boning for exam."

"Tracy," cried the astonished father, "let me in!"

The latch flew back, and Tracy stood at the door and folded his parent in his arms.

"Why, father, what brings you here? Nothing wrong at home, I trust."

"My boy," gasped the old man, sinking into a chair, "my eyesight is giving way."

"What makes you think so, father?" asked Tracy, with anxiety depicted on every feature.

"Why, coming up the road I met a man driving a four-in-hand whom I would have sworn was you."

"What does he look like, father?"

"Look like? Why, he looks like you."

"Did he have on a cream colored driving coat?"

"Yes, I believe he had."

"Silk hat?"

"Yes."

"High black and red coach with yellow wheels?"

"Why, I suppose so. I didn't notice."

"Don't give yourself any trouble, pop. Your eyes are all right. That's the fellow I've heard so much about lately. He lives over in Kenwood. They call him my double."

"Is his name Stokes?"

"That's the man—Stokes. I wish he'd leave the country. He's a wild fellow, and I'm always getting the credit of his scrapes."

"Tracy, that 'll do for Mr. Stokes. I've come over to talk over a family matter with you."

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Will. G. Brown has completed a lot of the photographs which he took during his trip to Nescopeck last Saturday. Twenty of these were placed on exhibition in the window of the Brown building yesterday where they were the center of much interest.

Many persons have wished to procure copies of the photographs. Mr. Brown to supply the demand will take orders for the views finishing them up immediately.

Origin of the Chesapeake Dog.

Many years ago a vessel from Newfoundland ran aground near an estate called Walnut Grove, on the shores of the Chesapeake. This estate belonged to Mr. George Law, a member of a well known Maryland family. On board the ship were two Newfoundland dogs, which were given by the captain to Mr. Law in return for kindness and hospitality shown to himself and crew. The beginning of the Chesapeake dog was a cross between these Newfoundlands and the common yellow and tan colored hound, or coon dog, of that part of the country.

The marked characteristics of the Chesapeake bay dog give every evidence of the truth of this story. Its strong power of scent, its hardihood, its shorter hair, its medium size and its remarkable endurance come from the hound while its love of water, its powers of swimming, its extraordinary ability to endure cold, its furry coat, wonderful intelligence and general good temper are all due to the Newfoundland. There has doubtless been added from time to time some water spaniel cross which has helped its remarkable retrieving qualities. The yellow and tan of the hound, combined with the black of the Newfoundland and the introduction of the spaniel, produced the liver color of the true Chesapeake bay dog. In course of time the Chesapeake bay has, in Maryland, become a distinctive breed.—Forest and Stream.

scaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by Paules & Co., Druggists. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial Bottles free.

A Philosopher.

The old man was sitting on the roof gazing placidly across the rushing waters.

"Washed all your fowls away?" asked the man in the boat.

"Yes, but the ducks swam," smiled the old man.

"Tore up your plum trees?"

"Don't mind it much. They said the crop would be a failure."

"But the flood! It is up to your windows!"

"Well, them windows needed washing anyway, my friend."

Tough Cases Cost More.

"Salvation seems to be mighty costly to some, while it's free to others," growled the man who was asked to contribute to the church.

"Of course," replied the deacon. "It's a bigger job to save some people than it is to save others."—Chicago Post.

Have You Indigestion.

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A Vegetarian.

"That man," remarked the great detective, "is undoubtedly a vegetarian of the most pronounced type."

"How do you make that out?" queried his friend.

"Oh, that's easy," replied the great detective. "He has carroty hair, reddish cheeks, a turnip nose and a sage look."

A Wrong Righted.

Young Wife (at dinner)—I didn't tell you, Adolphus, I cooked the dinner today myself.

Husband—Indeed! Then in my thoughts I have been doing poor Mary Ann a great injustice.—Pearson's Weekly.

A Natural Mistake.

The Terror—Do people often throw things at you, Mr. Doughby?

Mr. Doughby—No, Tommy. Why?

The Terror—Well, sis says you're an easy mark.—Princeton Tiger.

An Early Riser.

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Receipts and Expenditures of Montour County, Penn'a.

For the Year Ending January 4th, A. D., 1904.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE TAX ACCOUNTS OF THE SEVERAL COLLECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1903.

DISTRICTS.	COLLECTORS.	COUNTY TAX. Tax assessed	Abatements & exonerations	Tax returned	Collectors commission	amount paid	balance due	STATE TAX. Tax assessed	Abatements & exonerations	Collectors commission	amount paid	Balance Due	DOG TAX. Tax assessed	Abatements & exonerations	Collectors commission	amount paid	Bal. Due
Anthony Township	A. A. Love	1264 0	40 34	.....	18 96	823 37	881 41	113 65	4 50	1 04	105 ..	.....	61 00	1 50	1 00	54 ..	58 50
Cooper "	Noah Krum	469 17	16 39	8 48	41 24	340 12	92 94	55 28	1 06	1 06	52 84	.....	29 00	1 00	1 00	27 ..	30 00
Danville Borough	Edw. W. Peters	7239 77	293 01	8 96	113 34	5803 90	998 56	1511 59	71 87	37 31	1328 14	74 07	84 00	1 ..	1 00	82 ..	84 00
Derry Township	David C. Johnson	1006 19	48 73	2 07	24 81	812 62	187 96	162 08	13 56	7 12	137 ..	.....	67 00	1 ..	1 00	65 ..	67 00
Liberty "	John Boudeman	1024 89	58 60	3 32	44 66	1718 74	119 57	77 71	3 64	2 00	67 00	.....	74 00	1 ..	1 00	72 ..	74 00
Limestone "	C. D. Levan	1491 68	63 68	.....	30 28	1269 73	118 97	117 39	4 60	2 86	109 ..	.....	53 00	1 ..	1 00	51 ..	53 00
Mahoning "	W. F. Lyet	899 62	29 44	.....	26 28	722 62	121 28	117 36	11 80	3 36	102 ..	.....	52 00	1 ..	1 00	50 ..	52 00
Mayberry "	Jeremiah Vought	278 12	10 74	.....	9 43	257 50	.....	11 68	.. 28	42	10 40	.....	12 00	1 ..	1 00	10 ..	12 00
Valley "	F. P. Appleman	968 77	34 96	2 81	33 73	897 46	.....	60 06	2 30	1 92	55 79	.....	58 00	1 ..	1 00	56 ..	58 00
Washingtonville Borough	Wm. C. Runyan	187 38	5 37	.....	6 27	159 94	15 79	68 61	2 44	2 07	63 10	.....	8 00	1 ..	1 00	6 ..	8 00
West Hemlock Township	T. M. Wintersteen	295 83	8 06	.....	8 02	258 03	41 72	16 92	.. 78	.. 30	15 34	.....	22 00	1 ..	1 00	20 ..	22 00
Total tax account for 1903		15627 43	568 52	25 49	345 00	12736 50	1962 16	2467 64	118 84	57 54	2237 19	74 07	495 00	10 00	10 00	475 ..	495 00
Taxes received for prior years						1 27 0											
Total taxes received during the year A. D. 1903						13903 5											
Outstanding taxes in favor of county							1962 16					74 07					74 07
Estimated exonerations and commissions on same							122 46					4 07					4 07
Actual amount of outstanding taxes in favor of county							1840 00					70 00					70 00

N. B.—Taxes remaining due and unpaid for prior years as follows: Edward W. Peters, Collector of Danville Borough for 1902, County Tax, $231 25. Edward W. Peters, collector of Danville Borough for 1902, Dog Tax, $64 05.

A. J. STEINMAN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH MONTOUR COUNTY.

DR. TO CASH RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES	
Balance on hand at last settlement	$ 855 71
County Tax received for 1903	12726 50
County Tax received for prior years	1227 03
State Tax received for 1903	2217 19
Dog Tax received for 1903	296 90
Dog Tax received for prior years	155 25
County Tax received in 1903 on unseated lands and Collectors returns	15 80
Reimbursement of State Tax for 1903	1831 84
Hotel Licenses for 1903, County's portion	912 00
Commonwealth costs, fines and Jury funds	110 65
Commissioners of Northumberland County for one-half expenditures on Danville River Bridge	224 19
Reimbursement of State for extinction of forest fires 1903	98 60
Sale of shingling lath	8 57
Sale of plank	9 16
Sale of cement	1 25
Amount paid on orders by A. J. Steinman out of private fund	287 05
	$20977 69

BY DISBURSEMENTS AS FOLLOWS		CR.
Amount paid on County Orders during year 1903 as per the below classified account of expenditures		$18081 34
Amount paid Commonwealth for State tax of 1903 for which there was no order issued	$2442 45	
Treasurer's commission on same	24 67	
		2467 12
TREASURER'S COMMISSION, VIZ		
2½ per cent. on disbursement of	18081 34	
Less County's portion of Hotel Licenses, commission on same having been allowed in Treasurer's License Account	912 00	
Commission allowed on	17169 34	429 23
		20977 69

A. J. STEINMAN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH LICENSES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR A. D. 1903.

To amount of Retail and Wholesale Mercantile Licenses	$1397 57
To amount of Billiard and Pool Licenses	100 00
To amount of Hotel Licenses	6400 00
To amount of Brewers and Distillers Licenses	1400 00
To amount of Wholesale Liquor Licenses	400 00
	$9697 57

By amount paid Commonwealth	4565 97
By amount paid for advertising Mercantile list and postage	143 52
By Treasurer's commission	428 98
By amount Hotel Licenses applied to County fund, County's portion	912 00
By amount Hotel Licenses paid Danville Borough	1078 00
By amount Hotel Licenses paid Washingtonville Borough	228 00
By amount Hotel Licenses paid Anthony Township	57 00
By amount Hotel Licenses paid Derry Township	114 00
By amount Hotel Licenses paid Liberty Township	57 00
By amount Hotel Licenses paid Valley Township	114 00
	9697 57

CLASSIFIED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES.

COURT EXPENSES AND COMMONWEALTH COSTS.		
Grand Jurors	570 00	
Traverse Jurors	979 02	
Constables making quarterly returns and tipstaves	197 22	
George J. Vanderslice, Court Stenographer	313 63	
E. K. Hale, Court Crier and Janitor	272 50	
Ralph Kisner, District Attorney	120 00	
Thomas G. Vincent, Clerk of Courts and Prothonotary	260 27	
Michael Breckbill, Sheriff	34 99	
Justices	47 40	
Constables	69 31	
Witnesses	365 29	
Thos. C. Welsh, Special District Atty, Lewis Shade's case	10 00	
James C. Heddens, meals for Jurors	3 90	
H. C. Bare, R. R. Ticket for discharged prisoners	1 25	
		3244 78
MICHAEL BRECKBILL, SHERIFF.		
Boarding prisoners and turnkeys	279 80	
Drawing and notifying Jurors	126 20	
Washing for prisoners	21 15	
Conveying prisoners to E. S. Penitentiary	35 59	
Reports to Board of Public Charities	30 00	
		492 74
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AUDITORS, &C.		
Henry Cooper, Commissioner, 110 days at $3.50	385 00	
George M. Leighow, Commissioner, 78 days at $3.50	273 00	
Charles W. Cook, Commissioner, 107 days at $3.50	374 50	
Horace C. Blue, Commissioners Clerk	540 00	
William Kase West, County Solicitor	110 97	
County Auditors and Clerk	74 84	
Jury Commissioners	111 16	
Traveling expenses necessarily incurred by Commissioners in the discharge of official duties	30 00	
		1899 47

In addition to the above, Mr. Leighow made 31 days and Mr. Cook 18 days at River Bridge, one-half of which was paid by Northumberland County and is included in bridge expenses.

ELECTION EXPENSES.		
Spring Election	461 10	
General Election	464 31	
Montour County Democrat for official and specimen ballots for Spring and General election	50 00	
Election blanks and supplies	21 06	
Repairing the several Election Booths	162 10	
		1158 51
ASSESSORS PAY.		
Annual Assessment	286 00	
State Tax Assessment	106 00	
Registry of Voters	321 70	
Registry of births and deaths	71 24	
Registry of school children	142 46	
Triennial Assessment	540 00	
		1467 40
BRIDGE AND ROAD EXPENSES.		
Road view and surveys	93 45	
Road damages	145 00	
Lumber and material for bridges	255 25	
Bridge repairs	505 82	
		999 52

DANVILLE RIVER BRIDGE EXPENSES.		
Contract price reroofing River Bridge	2270 00	
Paid direct to contractors by Commissioners of North'd Co.	1135 00	
		1135 00
General repairs	350 27	
Electric light	130 00	
E. K. Hale, watchman	70 00	
		550 27

N. B.—Northumberland County liable for one-half of the expenditures on River Bridge.

COURT HOUSE EXPENDITURES.		
Stationery and blank books	391 83	
County printing and advertising	210 00	
Coal	229 40	
Gas	24 80	
Water rent and water repairs	29 40	
General repairs and supplies	65 54	
Expressage and postage	25 25	
Sundry persons, cleaning Court House	28 43	
S. M. Waite, cleaning carpet and matting	12 00	
Telephone rent	24 00	
H. R. Moore, lawn mower	8 00	
A. M. Peters, ice	4 75	
S. J. Welliver, 6 cuspidors	2 70	
West Disinfectant Co., Disinfectants	4 00	
		1060 10
JAIL EXPENDITURES.		
Coal	357 63	
Gas	47 29	
Water rent and water repairs	44 90	
Clothing, bedding, &c	59 38	
Medical Attendance, &c	32 00	
General repairs and supplies	83 10	
J. H. Cole, hose	16 50	
West Disinfectant Co., Disinfectants	4 75	
		616 46
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Redemption of County Bonds	2800 00	
Interest on County Bonds	483 00	
Amount paid for sheep and cattle killed by dogs	331 50	
Forest Fires	82 84	
County Teachers Institute	174 17	
Support of convicts in E. S. Penitentiary	446 69	
Support of inmates in State Hospital	363 75	
Support of convicts in House of Refuge	66 59	
Removing prisoner to Presbo, N. Y.	16 05	
State tax on County indebtedness for 1902	53 20	
Annual dues to Commissioners Convention	5 00	
Friendship Fire Co., sprinkling at Court House	10 00	
Premium and Justice fee, foxes scalps	2 50	
Interest on short loans and discounts	68 70	
Wm. L. Sidler, Recorder, Certifying Mortgages, preparing bonds, administering oaths, &c	23 80	
Wm. Kase West, Auditing Accounts of Prothonotary, Register and Recorder and Sheriff for year 1903	25 00	
Thomas G. Vincent, Prothonotary, certifying judgments, &c	86 00	
Thomas G. Vincent, special work, preparing new indices	400 00	
Burial of Soldiers	50 00	5439 09
Total amount of orders issued in 1903		18063 34
Amount of orders redeemed for prior years		18 00
Total amount of orders redeemed in 1903		18081 34

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF MONTOUR COUNTY.

To amount of bonded indebtedness	11200 00	By outstanding County taxes for 1903	1840 00
To amount due Commonwealth for taxes on County indebtedness for 1903	44 80	By outstanding Dog taxes for 1903	150 00
To amount due A. J. Steinman, County Treasurer	287 05	By outstanding County taxes for 1902	231 25
To estimated outstanding bills	300 00	By outstanding Dog taxes for 1902	64 05
		By outstanding State taxes for 1903	70 00
		By amount due from Commonwealth for extinction of forest fires	41 42
		By amount due from Commissioners of Northumberland County	46 66
		Liabilities in excess of Assets	9388 47
	11831 85		11831 85

A. J. STEINMAN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS FOR TAXES ARISING FROM UNSEATED LANDS AND COLLECTORS RETURNS.

DISTRICTS.	Taxes received in 1903. School	Road	Poor	Boro	Water		Treasurer's Commission of 5 per cent. on same. School	Road	Poor	Boro	Water		Amount paid by Treasurer to the Several Districts. School	Road	Poor	Boro	Water		Balance still due the Several Districts, including balance on hand from prior years. School	Road	Poor	Boro	Water
Anthony Township	15	40	15	.....	.....	.....	01	02	01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 28	14	.....	.....	.....
Cooper Township	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 4	7 26	2 46	.....	.....
Danville Borough	1 99	.....	1 21	1 42	1 30	.....	10	.....	06	07	07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 08	.....	27 88	22 98	15 80
Derry Township	38	91	83	.....	.....	.....	02	05	02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	4 85	4 00	.....	.....
Liberty Township	3 70	5 83	5 38	.....	.....	.....	19	29	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 98	5 54	5 10	.....	.....
Mahoning Township	15	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	01	.....	01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 39	46	25 93	.....	.....
Mayberry Township	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	57	.....	.....	.....
Valley Township	4 45	4 92	4 42	.....	.....	.....	22	25	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 57	4 67	24 19	.....	.....
West Hemlock Township	19	32	06	.....	.....	.....	01	02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	9 62	06	.....	.....
Total	10 96	12 38	11 73	1 42	1 0	.....	56	65	59	07	07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 88	72 29	87 7	22 98	15 80

We, the undersigned Commissioners of Montour County, Pa., do hereby certify that the foregoing statement of receipts and expenditures of said county for the year ending January 4th, A. D