### NATURE TEST OF STRENGTH.

Flocks of Birds Roosting on Big Bridge
Vouch New Structure's Safety.
An unexpected use is being made of
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East river at New York by thousands

the bridge, sald:

I have been bridge building for twenty years, but never before saw so many birds and so many kinds of them gather together on a bridge as are now at night on the Queensboro bridge. Kipling in his "Bridge Builders" points out that when-sever numbers of birds gather on a bridge in process of building or nearly completed it is an indication that the structure will stand all tests. This has also been my experience.

stand all tests. This has also been my experience.

I built a bridge in lown several years ago, and flocks of birds strangely made their home on it. That bridge, too, was criticised, but it is standing today and has done twice the work contemplated when it was built.

Another bridge whose stability was questioned, to which thousands of birds flocked, was one built across the Missouri river by the Atchison, Topeka and work today. Many of my associates in bridge building have noticed this same instinct of birds, Ornithologists say that birds in large flocks will not settle on a weak structure.

The workmen employed on the

The workmen employed on the bridge also regard the presence of the birds an omen of good luck.

## A Queer Lesson.

"On the slow and cheap ships," said a purser, "the souvenir thief does no harm, but on a famous Atlantic liner, where records are broken and tiptop

## Crafty Master Fox

A fox was one day seen coming out of a pile of stones near the waterof a pile of stones hear the waterside. He hid in the heather for
awhile and then pushed out something on the water, which proved to
be a bunch of most. The wind took
it into the middle of the lake and
blew it past some ducks sitting on the
currence. Heating waterbad his venture

under false pretenses. The police action was based on the grounds that a Hungarian dance appeared on the pro gram and that there were no dancers They overlooked the terrible fact tha Mr. Bauer had played two marches without a single soldier being present. -Cincinnati Tribune.

## Mrs. Fyffe Declined.

Some years ago it was decided by the navy department that the pres-ence of the wives of the naval officers at the Asiatic station detracted too much from their official duties. So a general order was issued to the fleet directing that the wives be sent home. Admiral Fyffe, who was in command of the fleet, received the order in due time, and it came back to the navy de-partment indorsed as follows:

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let. Indorsement.
Asiatic Fleet, Yokohama, Japan.
(1) Respectfully returned to the secretary of the navy.
(2) I have delivered this order to Mrs.
Fyffe, and she refuses to go.
(3) Further instructions are requested.
Respectfully.
(Signed) JOSEPH FYFFE.

-Success Magazine.

### SHETLAND PONIES.

Active as Terriers, Sure Footed as Mules, Patient as Donkeys.

Flocks of Birds Roosting on Big Bridge Vouch New Structure's Safety.

An unexpected use is being made of the new Queenshoro bridge across the East river at New York by thousands of migratory birds and hundreds of pigcons, which spend the night in the sheltered nooks in the lower deck of the structure. The bridge workers say that in the early morning hours the big cantalever is simply alle with birds of man varieties.

Swarms of swallows have fastened on to one corner of the structure, from which they have drives off the other birds. John Dirgen, a worker, declared recently that one morning he saw hundreds of swallows form in battle array and attack and expel two cats that had ventured upon the structure and were getting fat eating birds. Flights of pigeons make toward the bridge highly shortly after 5 o'clock and alight in favorite roosting places. During the rain and sleet storm the other night a flock of wild ducks sought the other night a flock of wild ducks out the work in the low galleries in this seater of the other flight. While the other birds take their flight.

While the workers.

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Edward E. Sinclair, an engineer on the bridge, said:

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The Chinaman and His Dragon. If a Chinaman wishes for happiness and peace in this world and the next he feels obliged to consult his majesty he feels obliged to consult his majesty the dragon as to where his house shall be built and his grave be made. Through the earth, so say the Chinese, flow two currents—the dragon—and the tiger. Now, for a man to have good fortune in life or, as he would say in "pigeon English," to "catchee chance," his house must be put in a certain position in reference to these currents. If he is to rest quietly in currents. If he is to rest quietly in his grave, that also must be correctly placed. So called "wise men" make a business of choosing favorable sites business of choosing invorance sites-for homes and graves, professing by means of a wand and incantations and other kinds of tomfoolery to be able to detect the presence of the dragon and the tiger and to tell in what di-

### rection they flow. Writing For Money. Green—I hear your wife is an authoress. Does she write for money? Breen-I never receive a letter from her that she writes for anything else

where records are broken and tiptop prices abound, the amount of stuff that slisappears is shocking.

"Only things with the boat's name on—champagne glasses, ink wells, curing tongs, buttonhooks, and so forth. And what are we to do about it?

"We had an American peeress aboard last voyage. The day we reached New York a stewardess came to me and said:

"Oh, Mr. Meet, I just seen Lady Blank's cabin trunk, and she's taken two of our finest silver ink wells!"

"Here is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors promounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing tocure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Care, manufetured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. OHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

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## A Bold Step.

To overcome the well-grounded and reasonable objections of the more intelligent to the use of secret, medicinal compounds, Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., some time ago, decided to make a bold described from the action of the second secretary of the second departure from the usual course pursued

be a bunch of moss. The wind took it into the middle of the lake and blew it past some ducks sitting on the surface. Having watched his venture for perhaps ten minutes with apparent satisfaction and observed that it neared the ducks without arousing their suspicions, our friend began to collect another and larger bunch of moss, which he allowed to float in the same direction, but this time he swam behind it, taking care to show only his eyes and nose above water. Just as it was passing the group of ducks he made a sudden dive, pulled down a bird and swam back to shore under water. Arrived there, he carried the duck to the pile of heather, where his wife and daughter were no doubt waiting to enjoy the fruits of his labors.—"Forty-five Years of Sport."

Some Troubles of a Pianist.

Harold Bauer, the pianist, has had some curious experiences during his travels.

While playing in Barcelona he was challenged to fight a duel by an excited member of the audience whom he had reproved for disturbing the rectal by his noisy conduct. On another occasion, in Italy, he had to be carried through an underground tunnel to escape the attentions of frantic admirers.

One of his most extraordinary experiences was in Russia. It was in allittle town near Moscow, and in the middle of his performance the pianist was a mrested by the pollec on the grounds that he was obtaining money under false pretenses. The pollec action was based on the grounds that a Hungarlan dance appeared on the program and that there were no dancers. They overlooked the terrible fact that

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## Notice.

To Whom It May Concern :-Notice is hereby given that the Court of C. P. of Montour Co., on the 11th day of Jan., 1909, granted a rule to show cause why the said Court should not enter a decree changing the name of Ralph Winter Diehl to Ralph Beaver Diehl.

Said rule returnable April 12, 1909, at 10 o'clock, A. M.
THOS. G. VINCENT, Proth. Ralph Kisner, Att'y



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## Receipts and Expenditures of Montour County, Penn'a.

For the Year Ending January 4th., A. D., 1909.

		COUNTY TAX. STATE T	ATE TA	X.		DOG TAX.											
DISTRICTS.	COLLECTORS,		ments a exon's		Collect- ors com mission		balance due		merta	ors com mision.		Balance Due		ments &	Collect- ors com mission		Bal, Due
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ctual amount of outstanding taxes	in favor of county																-

N. BE. E. Frymire, Collector of Limestone Township, has paid \$400.00, on a	bove Acco	ant Since Audit.
A. J. STEINMAN, TREASURE	RINA	CCOUNT WITH MONTOUR COUNTY.
DR. TO CASH RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCE. Balance on hand at last settlement	558.70 16720.05 1721.55 2210 92 328.71 72.55 22.97 333.41 1785.38 462.18 50.00 12.19 30.02 3.25 345.11	which there was no order issued. \$2404.56  Trea-urer's commission on same
Hotel licenses for 1908, county's portion Sale of old iron Sale of old bridge Sale of old disinfectant. Sale of old Cement Elias Maier a loan S. K. Hoffman, a loan.	28.46 $5.00$ $2.25$ $1.50$ $1000.00$	\$28591.95

\$28591.95

A. J. STEINMAN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH LICENSES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR 1908.

To amount of Pool licenses         240,00           To amount of eating house licenses         11,30           To amount of botel licenses         6300,00           To amount of brewers licenses         1300,00           To amount of wholesale liquor licenses         400,00	By amount paid Commonwealth. \$4499.26 By amount paid for advertising mercantile list and postage 126.36 By treasurer's commission 439.10 By amount hotel licenses applied to county fund, county portion 897.75
CLASSIFIED ACCOUNT	OF EXPENDITURES.
COURT EXPENSES AND COMMONWEALTH COSTS	BRIDGE AND ROAD EXPENSES:  A Buchanan, Henry Bridge new . \$ 844 00  A. Buchanan, Exchange Bridge . 123 00  Nelson Construction Co. DeGreen Bridge . 860 00  A. Buchanan, Balauce on Exchange Bridge . 100, 00  United Construction Co. Lobach Bridge . 391 00  Nelson-Merydith Co. Bridge at Washingtonville . 2315.00  Nelson-Merydith Co., Lowrie Bridge . 530, 00  Road Views and Surveys . 107 65  Lumber and Material for Bridges . 207, 60  General Bridge Repairs . 581.20 ♣6059.45
Constables         198 20           Witnesses         501.09           George Maiers, Deputy sheriff, attending court 2 days 8 00         6 00           Dismissed cases under act of June 25, 1905         58 17	Lumber for side walk     \$ 25.00       General Repairs     27, 21       Cleaning Bridge     11,50       Removing snow     3,95     \$ 67.66

D. C. Williams, sheriff, attending court 20 days at \$3 00. 60 00 D. C. Williams, sheriff, Commonwealth costs			207.60 581.20—	<b>\$</b> 6059.45
Instices 102.25		DANVILLE RIVER:		
	1	Lumber for side walk\$	25.00	
Witnesses 501.09 George Maiers, Deputy sheriff, attending court 2 days 3.00 6.00		General Repairs	27.21	
Dismissed cases under act of June 25, 1905		Cleaning Bridge	11.50 3.95	\$ 67.66
Supreme Court, expenses Dietrich case		Removing snow	0,00==	\$ 01.00
Luzerne County court expenses, Dietrich case 590 86		COURT HOUSE EXPENDITURES:		
Meals for Jurors 26.95		Stationery and Blank Books	208.93	
Guilford Case 6 65	1049.01		215.75	
Purdous Digest 18 00—	4943.01	COMA	183.00	
D. C. WILLIAMS, SHERIFF:		Gas	17.15 27.50	
Roarding Prisoners and turnkey		Water Rent. Expressage Freight and Postage.	31 93	
Drawing and notifying jurors		General Repairs and Supplies	77.61	•
Weshing for prisoners 51 80		Sundry Persons, Cleaning Court House	36.74	
Removal of P. Dietrich from Penitentiary to Co. jail 56 92		Insurance on Court House.	75 00	
Conveying of P. Dietrich to Wilkes-Barre jail		Telephone service	25.10	
Bringing Prisoners from Mahanov City	i	Friendship Fire Co., sprinkling	10.00	
Conveying prisoners to E. S. Penitentiary		A. M. Peters, ice	7.66	
Conveying Prisoners to Reformatory	\$1334.09	Disinfectant	24.00	
Reports to Board of Fubile Charletes	1001.00	Jos. Lechner, 2 new furnaces	720.35-	\$1660.72·
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AUDITORS, &C:	1	JAIL EXPENDITURES.		
Charles W. Cook Commissioner \$500.00		Coal\$	211.37	
Gaorge M. Leighow, commissioner,		Gas	32.92	
George R Sechler, commissioner		Water Rent	37.75	
Horace C. Blue commissoner's clerk		Clothing and Bedding	39.70	
Edward Sayre Gearhart, County solicitor		Medical Attendance	32.00	
Jury commissioners   103.64     County Auditors and clerk   76.40		General Repairs and supplies	277.64	
Traveling expenses necessarily incurred by the Commission-	1	Insurance	24 00-	\$830.38
ers in discharge of official duties	\$2779 09	Disinfectant	~4.00	¢000.00
		MISCELLANEOUS:		
ELECTION EXPENSES:		Interest on County Bonds \$	175.00	
Spring election		Short Loans and Discounts and interest on same	986 33	
General election 529.81	i	State Tax on County indebtedness	22 33	
Montour County Democrat for official and specimen ballots		County Teachers institute	59.00	
for spring and general election 60.00		Support of Convicts in E. S. Penitentiary	429.29	
Election blanks and supplies. 50.75 Primary election, held April 11, 1908 497.23		Support of convicts in House of Refuge	30.12	
D. C. Williams, sheriff proclamation. 2.75		Support of convicts in Reformatory	100 92	
Publishing sheriff proclamation 90 00		Support of Inmates in State hospitals	569.00	
Ground Rent for Booths		Inquisition on John Mowrer	33.86	
Repairing Booths	\$1789.71	Autopsy on John Mowrer	50 00	
		Forest Fires	210 42	
ASSESSORS PAY:		Insurance on Jail barn	24.(0	
Annual assessment \$291.00		Subscription Democratic Sentinel	4 25 4.61	
Designation of votors		Car Fare for Matthew Gartland		
Registry of School children		and Register and Recorder	25.00	
State Tax Assessment 98 00 C. Shultz, M. D. Local Registrar 137,25		Thos. G. Vincent, certifying Judgments &c	69.80	
W. R. Robinson Local Registrar 18.75—	\$981.00	Wm L. Sidler, certifying mortgages &c	13,40	
W. R. RODIESON MOCAL REGISTAL		in an arrange for the property and the property of the propert	07 50	

NOXIOUS ANIMALS: 241 Weasels at \$1.00 \$241.00	Support of convicts in House of Refuge       30.13         Support of convicts in Reformatory       100.92         Support of Inmates in State hospitals       569.00         Liquisition on John Mowrer       33.86         Autopsy on John Mowrer       35.00         Forest Fires       210.42         Insurance on Jail barn       24.10         Subscription Democratic Sentinel       4.25         Car Fare for Matthew Gartland       4.61         Thos, C. Welsh, auditing the accounts of the Prothonotary and Register and Recorder       25.00         Wm L. Sidler, certifying mortgages &c       13.40         Sheep damages       67.50         Burial of Soldiers and Markers for same       310.00         Memorial Day Committee       50.00         To amount of orders redeemed in 1908       \$24087.61
FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE ASSETS   To amount of bonded indebtedness   \$5000.00	By outstanding County tax 1908. \$2500.00 By outstanding County tax 1907. 520.87 By outstanding Dog tax 1908. 150.00 By outstanding Dog tax 1907. 14.89 To amount due from Commonwealth for extinction of For

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

		Taxes received in 1908.					Treasurer's Commission of 5 per cent. on same.						nt paid	i by Tr	easure	r to the	Sev-	Balance still due the Several Di tricts, including balance on hand from prior years.				
DISTRICTS.	School.	Road	Poor	Boro	Water	School.	Road	Poor	Boro	Water.		School.	Road	Poor	Boro	Water		school.	Road	Poor	Boro	
Anthony Township, Cooper Township, Danville Borough, Derry Township, Liberty Township, Mahoning Township, Mayberry Township, Wayberry Township, Vailey Township, West Hemlock Township,	12 00 4 14	17 74 4 27	6 25 3 11 2 20	1 26		66 21	89	05	06									1 05 1 57 11 40 4 88 30 3 88	6 8: 16 8: 6 7: 5 15 8	6 49 14 98 5 21 82 5 21 83 6 14 8 6 29	1 2	20

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., 1909 e and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal of office this 14th day of January, A. D., 1909.

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTOUR—We the undersigned Auditors of Montour County, state of Pennsylvania, after having been duly qualified according to the law, respectfully report that we have audited the accounts of the Treasurer and Commissioners of said County, and that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the same, and find a balance due the said County on the 4th, day of January A. D., 1909. by A. J. Stelmann, Treasurer, of One Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Four Bollars Eight Cents (\$1.544.68) also a balance due the several districts of One Hundred and Staty Five Dollars Eight Cents.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 11th day of January, 1908.

Attest: HORACE C BLUE, CLERK

