

WHO PAYS FOR BETTER STATE HIGHWAYS?

EVERY TAXPAYER SHOULD READ THIS ARTICLE CAREFULLY FROM BEGINNING TO END.

The Farmer Will Never Pay a Cent in General Taxes to Secure the Best of Roads--It is Up to the Farmer to Enjoy Good Highways NOW--When He is Dead There Won't be Much Opportunity to Enjoy Good Roads or to Grumble Over Bad Ones.

It ought not to take so much time and effort to prove to the farmers the entire feasibility, practical non-expense to them and benefit of State roads as planned under the bill recently passed by the State Legislature and signed this week by Governor Tener.

Burgess W. Boyd Morrow, of Shippenburg, threw out some facts concerning State roads to the farmers assembled at Southampton Heights last week, and the Chronicle Editor was surprised to see the prevailing sentiment among farmers that they were not believed. Let us repeat some of the things:

Mr. Farmer, Read This: He said that there may be other methods of building roads that are better than the ones proposed, and may be you know some better method, but there is no other method that stands a chance of bringing about the desired effects than the one that has taken tangible shape, and unless we adopt this one, this generation will not receive the benefit of good roads. Good roads are sure to come. Let us have them now and enjoy them. If life is short and we do not even live to see them paid for they are for us to have shortly if we approve the plan now before us.

Then Read This: Bad roads have been the greatest drawback to profitable farming of any general utility. Especially Read This:

Good roads under the proposed \$50,000,000 bond issue will never cost the farmer a penny in general taxes. This seems to be the statement that farmers don't believe. They say: Where will the money come from?

To get down to facts in the matter: The Chronicle Editor wrote the following letter to the county treasurer of Cumberland county:

June 6, 1913. Mr. Jesse Asper, County Treasurer, Carlisle, Pa. Dear Sir--There is a tax assessed against real estate in the county called "State and County Tax." Will you kindly inform me what per cent of this goes to the State? I do not refer to the tax on personal property, of which I understand the State receives a portion and then returns three-quarters of the amount to the county.

I am asking this to secure information as to the possibility of extra expense to the ordinary farmer in the proposed State road appropriation. Thanking you for courtesy, I am, Cordially yours, P. S. BERGGREN.

To this letter Mr. Asper replied as follows:

"Answer--The State receives nothing in and from county taxes. J. B. ASPER."

Where State Road Money Comes From. From this we gather that no money whatever received through the general tax duplicate assessed on real estate is turned over to the state for State purposes. The State is wholly supported on money obtained from other sources than real estate tax, an enumeration of some principal items being as follows, taken from 1910 receipts.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Interest Accrued, Bank Examinations, Bonus on Charters, Escheats, Interest on State Deposits, Automobile Licenses, Liquor Licenses (retail), Liquor Licenses (wholesale), Theatre Licenses, Retail Mercantile Licenses, Wholesale Mercantile Licenses, Tax on Capital Stock, Collateral Inheritance, Corporate Gross Receipts, Corporate Loans, County Loans, Foreign Fire Ins. Co.'s, Gross Premiums, Income, Personal Property, Wills, writs, deeds, U. S. Gov. for State College.

There were also receipts for care of insane, notary public commissions, enrollment and licensing of stallions, impure food fines, and other matters of like nature, which aggregated \$28,946,424.43. The expenses for the year were \$27,657,399.88. There was a total State debt of \$2,384,867.02 which was not yet due, and a balance in Treasury of \$9,909,029.34. This showed a balance of over seven millions of dollars after every expense and debt is wiped out. We understand the showing is still better this year, and no tax is being imposed upon real estate for State use.

Now, Mr. Farmer, Answer This:

Now, when the farmers get a chance to vote that some of this surplus State money shall be used for their direct benefit, what in the name of common sense can they mean by refusing to accept it?

What About This: Of the personal tax--that on bonds and mortgages--which amounts to four and a half millions in the State, over three and a half millions were returned to the counties again for maintenance of county institutions. This tax was four mills on the dollar, and when the returnable funds are figured out, only one mill on the dollar for taxes on collaterals are retained by the State.

Tax Papers, Here's Our Chance: Farmers it is a chance to get some direct good from State funds by voting for the State road appropriation.

FAITHFUL WORK BRINGS MERITED PROMOTION.

The many Honesdale friends of Lester R. Knapp rejoice with him in his new position, that of division freight agent of the New York, Susquehanna and Western, New Jersey and New York and Greenwood Lake divisions of the Erie railroad with headquarters in New York City. This fine promotion became effective July 15th.

For the past two years Lester has been traveling freight agent of the Erie railroad, covering the main line of the Erie from New York to Susquehanna, including the Wyoming division.

He has been a faithful and conscientious employe of the Erie, having filled the position of agent at Honesdale, Scranton and Passaic, N. J. While at the latter city he was appointed traveling freight agent of the Delaware division. He was also in the ticket office of the New York office before receiving the office of agent at Honesdale.

GLEN EYRE RESIDENT INJURED.

Albert Dahl, of Glen Eyre, Pike county, who lives on the Honesdale branch of the Erie railroad, while riding on a west bound train at Otisville on Monday, was struck in the head by a stick of lumber.

The Port Jervis Gazette in recording the accident, says: "Train 43 was running at good speed around the curve when an east-bound train approached it. A door on a freight car was open and crashed into the window of the smoking car. Pieces of glass were hurled the length of the car and many of the men who were occupying it were cut about the face, head and hands. A large piece of board went through the window and struck a man in the side.

"Albert Dahl, a resident of Glen Eyre, Pa., was hit in the forehead by a piece of wood and a large lump on the left side showed the injury which it inflicted. He was also cut over the face and hands. An extra fireman from Jersey City was hurled from his seat by a blow on his forehead which was cut. Another man had his forearm injured. His straw hat was smashed from the effects of a blow. Many others were thrown from their seats and were slightly injured by flying glass.

"The piece of wood went clear across the car and broke three windows in the next coach were cracked and the wood work of the smoking car No. 1878 was scraped by the door of the freight car."

BLIGHT AFFECTING ENGLISH HAWTHORNE.

Owners of the English Hawthorne are requested to inspect their trees for blight. It can be readily discovered by the apparent dried up or burned appearance of the leaves. A discoloration of the bark on the tree is another way in which can be discerned whether or not the blight has affected the tree.

State Horticulturist W. H. Bullock says to cut out all the dead limbs and burn them, so that the blight may not spread. In trimming the dead branches or twigs Mr. Bullock advises cutting below where any signs of blight are in evidence. Also that tools used in cutting out blights of any kind should be disinfected with turpentine or formaldehyde to prevent the spread of the disease.

During his conversation with us Inspector Bullock stated that the English Hawthorne in North Park was badly affected with the blight and that the dead limbs ought to be cut and burned.

If you possess one of these beautiful trees inspect it carefully and if the blight is working its deadly work take every precaution to check it before it kills the tree.

CARING FOR FRUIT TREES.

W. H. Bullock, district State horticulturist, has inspected Paupack, Palmyra and Cherry Ridge townships. He will take up the work in Mount Pleasant township in the near future. Mr. Bullock is employed by the state to inspect apple and other trees in search of blight. The San Jose scale is found in several orchards throughout Wayne county and in many instances Mr. Bullock has found the scale when farmers were not aware that their trees or orchards were affected. Mr. Bullock gives a remedy that will save the trees, otherwise many valuable trees will die for want of attention and care.

In his travels, Mr. Bullock comes across a number of diseases affecting trees on his trips through the country of which he makes notes and reports to State Zoologist H. A. Surface. Mr. Bullock's work is beneficial and is appreciated by every farmer in the county.

FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION.

Effective July 1st, as has heretofore been stated in the Citizen, ordinary stamps shall be valid for postage and for insurance and C. O. D. fees on mail and distinctive parcel post stamps shall be valid for all purposes for which ordinary stamps are valid, are orders to Postmaster Allen from the General Postmaster, Washington, D. C. The regular issue of due stamps and distinctive parcel post due stamps shall be valid for collection of unpaid and short paid postage on all classes of mail.

CURRENCY PLAN HAS BEEN AGREED UPON

PROVIDES FOR EXCHANGE OF TWO PER CENT BONDS BEARING CIRCULATION PRIVILEGE.

Heated Discussion Between Two Over the Rediscount Feature of the Measure--Democrats Do Not Agree.

The much disputed plan for refunding the two per cent government bonds, which form the basis of the present currency, was perfected Wednesday by the Democrats of the house banking and currency committee in their consideration of the administration currency bill. The provision, as finally agreed to after three days of discussion, provides for the exchange of the two per cent bonds which bear the circulation privilege for three per cent, twenty-four bonds, "except from federal, state and municipal taxation, both as to income and principal."

With other changes made in the bill the refunding section will retain the circulation feature of the present two per cent bonds up to the final date of their redemption. The committee also approved a redrafted section providing that the proceeds of the government's participation in the business of the new federal reserve banks shall be applied to the reduction of the bonded indebtedness of the nation.

Two Democrats became involved in a heated discussion of the re-discount features of the bill. Disagreement arose over the provision requiring one federal reserve bank to re-discount paper of another federal reserve bank and several members expressed the opinion that some limitation should be imposed upon the federal reserve board in its exercise of this power.

When the committee adjourned the re-discount section was still under discussion.

SUPERINTENDENT J. H. TAYLOR DIES IN THE WEST.

Mrs. Charles J. Smith, of Fourteenth street, received word on Tuesday that her brother, John H. Taylor, well known in this section of the country, died in Superior, Wis., Monday night.

The deceased was general superintendent of the Great Northern railroad and was formerly chief dispatcher of the Wyoming division of the Erie railroad, located at Dunmore.

Mr. Taylor was 49 years old and enjoyed a rapid rise in the railroad world. He was born in Hancock, N. Y., and began his railroad career in Jersey City. After serving as chief dispatcher on this division he became superintendent of the Bradford division of the Erie. After he left the Erie he became superintendent of the Great Northern. He became general superintendent, one of the highest railroad positions in the northwest, about a year ago. He is survived by a wife, two sons and a daughter, Fred, John, Jr., and Louise, at home and two sisters, Mrs. Henry Slauson, of Hancock, N. Y., and Mrs. C. J. Smith, of Honesdale, also one brother, Frank Taylor, of Hancock, N. Y. The funeral and interment took place in Superior, Wis., on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

DESTROY TENT CATERPILLAR EGGS.

The ravenous tent caterpillar has laid its eggs on small twigs of apple and wild cherry trees. The eggs appear most generally on the southwest side of the tree. The eggs represent little nubs or growths on or near the end of the twig. The nests are dark brown in color. By cutting off these twigs and destroying the eggs it will greatly decrease the spread of the pest next season. The eggs will not hatch until spring so the farmer will have from now until that time to destroy the eggs.

In destroying the caterpillar nests never burn them as it cooks the bark of the trees and forms a canker on the limb. The nests can be removed by the aid of a Y-shaped branch.

CARBONDALE COUPLE TO LIVE HERE.

J. Frank Brees, of Tenth avenue, and Anna E. Cope, daughter of Mrs. Charles McMullen of Grove street, Carbondale, were married at Scranton on Monday, June 30, by Rev. Mr. Anderson in the parsonage of the Elm Park church. They were unattended. The announcement of the marriage was not made until Saturday last when they returned from their honeymoon spent in a tour of the New England states. They will reside in Honesdale.

The announcement will come as a pleasant surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties in this city who will hasten to extend heartfelt wishes and congratulations. Carbondale Leader.

ROWLAND, Jeweler, Closed Wednesday, July 23, Business Men's Day at Lodore, And Monday Evenings During July and August.

BRIAR AND BRAMBLE COVER THE GRAVES

DEPLORABLE CONDITION OF OLD METHODIST CEMETERY IN BEAUTIFUL HONESDALE.

Plot Where Rests Remains of Pioneer Residents of Maple City Sadly in Need of Scythe and Axe--Charitable Act for Authorities.

Have you visited the old Methodist cemetery lately? If you have we warrant it made your heart ache owing to the deplorable condition and shape you found that old burying ground, where rests the remains of hundreds of Honesdale's departed loved ones. It made the writer feel shameful, although he has no relatives laid at rest in this beautiful spot. Shameful because the town of Honesdale, to whom the piece of property was deeded several years ago as a burying ground, has allowed it to remain uncared for, forgotten and neglected.

The Brotherhood of the Honesdale Methodist church assumed charge of the cemetery until its treasury became depleted and since that time, nearly three years ago, not a briar has been cut, bramble hewn down or weed destroyed. Isn't this pitiful and a sad state of affairs? The cemetery does not belong to the Methodist church, but was given that name owing to the burying ground being close to the old Methodist church, which is now a tenement house. The plot belongs to the town proper and now that the Brotherhood of the Methodist church is unable to care for this resting place of the dead, it is no more than right and proper that the town give the place attention and care.

The Brotherhood members contributed time and money in cleaning up the cemetery a few years ago. Trees were chopped down, that represented several years' growth, briars, elders and young trees were thick, but after a few weeks the cemetery took on a different aspect. What a pity that it was not followed up. The ground was ploughed, but alas, it was left in that condition. It was not harrowed and to-day great ridges are left on the graves of the departed. The headstones are down, irregular and in a dilapidated condition. And all this in the beautiful borough of Honesdale. Can it be possible?

"Oh! how pitiful in a whole city full, friends have they none."

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

William H. Lee et ux., of Honesdale, to Dr. H. B. Ely, same, land in Texas; \$200. Heirs of Sylvesta M. Decker to Joseph E. Pish, property on Eleventh and Court streets; \$2600. Arabel Von Storch, of Kingston, to Madge Von Storch Hughes, same, land in Preston township; \$1. Alice V. Loudel et al., of Boise, France, to Arabel Von Storch, of Kingston, land in Preston township; \$1. Irvin R. Benjamin et ux., of South Canaan, to Joseph Arcisiewski, of Winton, land in South Canaan twp.; \$1150. Elizabeth Carr et al., of Scranton, to Leonard B. Gukenberger, of Texas, land in Texas township; \$1. Raymond T. Kimble et ux., of Cambridge, Ohio, to Charles Lamoreaux, land in South Canaan; \$1. W. H. Lee and P. P. Kimble, executors of estate of Mary E. Appley, late of Honesdale, to Philip Krantz, same, land in Honesdale borough; \$1,000.

"KIND AND GENIAL JUDGE."

The people of Honesdale are much pleased over the selection of Judge Searle as a member of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania State Bar association. Among the other distinguished lawyers who will act with him on this committee are Hampton L. Carson, former attorney general of the state, Judge William D. Porter of Pittsburg, William E. Rice of Warren, and Judge William H. Staake, of Philadelphia. Judge Searle is a very popular man among his friends and neighbors, because he possesses a kind and genial disposition, and is recognized as one of the first jurists in the state. On a number of occasions he has been called to this city to preside over the courts of Lackawanna county--Scranton Truth.

POLICE OFFICER FOR CEMETERY.

Robert J. Miller, superintendent of Glen Dyberry cemetery, has been commissioned as a police officer with power to arrest on sight persons committing depredations of any kind in or about the cemetery. Such appointment is authorized by the Act of Assembly of April 8th, 1873, and is particularly directed toward persons picking or injuring flowers, shrubs, or trees, removing flowers from lots or graves, or defacing any structure of any kind in or about the cemetery. The penalty for such offense being a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both at the discretion of the Court.

GETTING ON THE JOB.

The advance guard of workmen who will lay the track and build the new trolley road between Honesdale and Hawley arrived on Wednesday and are getting things in readiness for the other workmen. At present they are cleaning out the Cortright cold storage building. The balance of the first installment of laborers, who will be of Polish nationality, are expected on Monday next. E. F. Draper, of New York city, is spending the week-end here. He says that ties for the proposed road will be placed along the survey this week. All material has been ordered and after work will have been commenced, track will be laid at the rate of a quarter of a mile per day.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO EXEMPLIFY DEGREE HERE.

Meeting For Preliminary Work Will be Held Sunday Morning in Knight's Hall.

The members of the Honesdale Council, Knights of Columbus, No. 363, are requested to meet in the K. of C. hall on Sunday morning, July 20, at 10 o'clock for the purpose of making preparations for preliminary work for the exemplification of the third degree, which will be held in Honesdale on Sunday, August 31.

At a meeting of the Grand Knights of the Knights of Columbus in Carbondale, it was decided to exemplify the third degree here on that date. A special train will be run from Scranton and Olyphant via the D. & H., leaving Scranton shortly before noon and arriving in Honesdale about 1:15 p. m. It is expected that a large delegation from the surrounding towns will attend the exercises.

BASE BALL.

The coming series of games between Hawley and Honesdale is causing quite some excitement among the fans. The Hawley team were out in force on Saturday and Sunday last to "size up the locals," and from all reports they are quite confident of victory. At any rate we hope that we won't have to start any more games over for them, in order to get them to finish a game. By the way, we note that the local management has advertised the double-header with Carbondale next Saturday as the first one ever held on the local grounds. We beg to call attention to the double header which was played with Hawley three years ago (although it was not scheduled) when after the first game was partly finished, the Hawley boys refused to play it out and insisted on starting a new game, so that Honesdale had to win almost two games to get credit for one in that series.

Capt. Brader of the local team is out again after an attack of tonsillitis and will be in the lineup on Saturday. There is no player on the Honesdale team who is more "game" than Wm. Mangan. He has been playing almost all season under conditions which would put a less "gritty" man out of it. In the first place his arm is so sore that he can hardly throw across the diamond, again, he has a very sore leg, or in other words a bad Charley Horse, and lastly, his foot is so sore that he can hardly run on it. We would think that it would be a good idea to give "Slim" a much needed rest.

DEATH RESULTS FROM SHOCK.

Mrs. Edward Leine Passes Away at Home of Druggist A. M. Leine Tuesday.

Anna Barbara Sherff, widow of Edward Leine, died at the home of her son, Druggist A. M. Leine, 210 Seventh street, Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Since Mrs. Leine fell and fractured her right arm four weeks ago, she gradually declined in health, death resulting in shock from the injury. Mrs. Leine has been a resident of Honesdale since 1866, when Mr. and Mrs. Leine came here from Egg Harbor, N. J. The deceased was born in Meinbernhalm, Bavaria, Germany, June 15, 1834, and immigrated to America with her aunt and uncle at the age of 20 years. On June 28, 1864, she was married to Edward Leine in Washington, D. C., and went to housekeeping at Egg Harbor, where they lived two years. Mr. Leine died April 1st, 1900. One son survives, namely, Arthur M. Leine, of this place.

Mrs. Leine was a member of the German Lutheran church of this place for a number of years. In the absence of her late pastor, Rev. C. C. Miller, Rev. A. L. Whitaker, rector of Grace Episcopal church, conducted the funeral services, which were held from her late home Thursday morning at 10 o'clock on Seventh street. Interment was made in the German Lutheran cemetery. The pallbearers were: L. Fuerth, Gustave Smith, Otto Taebner, John Erk, John Theobald, Morris Freeman.

CHURCH NOTES.

The Rev. C. H. Brandt of Wilkes-Barre will speak at Grace Episcopal church Sunday, at 10:30 a. m. Mr. Brandt is superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League for this district and will have something important to say on this topic. Rev. C. H. Brandt of Wilkes-Barre, district superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, will speak at the White Mills M. E. church Sunday, July 20, at 3:15 p. m. At the Presbyterian church Rev. Jesse Herrmann will have his Sunday morning theme "The Spirit and Spirits," and for his evening theme "A Preface to Life," an exposition of the first Psalm.

WAYNE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY MET TO-DAY.

The Wayne County Medical society held their monthly meeting this afternoon at the home of Dr. Simons in South Sterling township. The regular business of the society was transacted after which the guests were treated to a sumptuous banquet. The members of the society from Honesdale who attended were Drs. E. W. Burns, L. B. Nielsen and W. T. McConville.

Henry Rehben received word on Monday that his cousin, Mrs. Emu! Vautz, of Union Hill, N. J., had passed away on Saturday. The funeral will be held on Tuesday.

BRYAN HAS SAVED \$170,000 IN 17 YEARS

SECRETARY'S PUBLIC STATEMENT SAYS HE WILL LECTURE IN "VACATION TIME."

\$1,000 a Month Income Poverty Plea is Severe Blow Yet to Administration--Big Storm of Ridicule.

Washington, July 17.--Secretary of State Bryan felt obliged to defend himself again today against the flood of criticism that has poured in on account of his absences from Washington on the Chautauqua platform.

Mr. Bryan issued a statement in which he announced that his forthcoming six weeks speaking tour would be his vacation. He reiterated his statement that he was unable to live within his salary of \$12,000 a year, and added that he is sacrificing \$40,000 net income by serving as Secretary of State for four years.

Mr. Bryan acknowledges that in the last seventeen years he has saved \$170,000. Inasmuch as this apparently does not include investments which Mr. Bryan may have made there seems to be good reason for the statement that he is worth between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Bristow Says "How Much?"

While Mr. Bryan was doing this explaining at the State Department things were happening at the Capitol. Senator Bristow arose from his seat and introduced a resolution calling upon President Wilson to advise the Senate what salary is necessary in order to retain the Government the exclusive services of the Secretary of State and keep him in Washington.

The Bristow resolution flabbergasted the Democrats of the Senate for a few minutes, but they got their wind soon enough to shut off debate on the resolution. It will come up under the rules of the Senate on Friday, and Senator Bristow intends to push it.

Those two developments indicate clearly the rumpus that has been stirred up in the national capital over Mr. Bryan's Chautauqua circuit predilections. Nothing more embarrassing for the Democrats and the Wilson administration has yet occurred than this attempt by Mr. Bryan to use the time for which the Government is paying him to deliver Chautauqua speeches for hire.

Not the least humiliating feature of the case is the knowledge that it will be used in Europe to add to the ridiculous impression that already has been created by the grape juice and other stirring episodes in Mr. Bryan's brief career as head of the State Department.

Mr. Bryan's Statement.

Here is the statement issued by Mr. Bryan: "I am glad to have the criticism brought to my attention. I believe in criticism of public officials. Criticism is helpful. If a man makes a mistake, criticism enables him to correct it; if he is unjustly criticised the criticism helps him. I have had my share of criticism since I have been in public life, but it has not prevented my doing what I thought proper to do.

"In devoting a part of my vacation to lecturing I am doing what I believe to be proper, and I have no fear whatever that any unbiased person will criticize me when he knows the facts. "For seventeen years the sources of my incomes have been writing and lecturing, but each year I have made more public speeches without compensation and where I have paid my own travelling expenses than I have where compensation was received. My earning capacity has been large and I have made not only an income sufficient for my immediate needs, but have saved on an average something more than \$10,000 a year.

"In accepting the office which I now hold I gave up the opportunity to add to my accumulations, for I do not expect to increase during my term the amount I have laid aside, that is I am willing to forego whatever advantage I might derive from the acquiring of \$40,000 more for the privilege of serving the country in this office during the coming four years.

Lectures in Vacation Time.

"I will do more if necessary, but I do not believe that fair minded people will ask it of me. Therefore until I see some reason for changing my purpose I expect to lecture enough to bring my income up to my expenses, these lectures to be delivered during the time that other officials give to their vacations.

"In addition to supplementing my salary I hope that my lectures do good--people who attend them would not do so if they did not think they received their money's worth, but I would be glad to spend my vacation resting instead of lecturing if I could do so without eating in upon the amount that I have laid away as a protection against old age."

PORT JERVIS COMPLIMENTS HONESDALE.

At a special election in Honesdale Friday, the proposition to pave Main street entire and part of Park street was carried by a vote of 359 to 36. We congratulate Honesdale on the spirit of progressiveness that lead them to declare in favor of this improvement so overwhelmingly. It is a wonder that Main street with so many beautiful and up-to-date business places and residences has been a muddy thoroughfare as long as it has.--Gazette.

COAL ADVANCED IN HONESDALE.

Effective July 16, the prices on coal in Honesdale advanced 10 cents per ton, except on buck and pea coal, which is 5 cents per ton. This is equivalent to 2 1/2 per cent. on the value of the coal at the mines.