

News of Interest to the Grangers

Comments and Suggestions Upon the New Road Law.

While the bill enacted by the last Legislature does not meet our ideals in Road Legislation, yet it is now law. The Governor will soon appoint a Highway Commissioner and one of his first acts will doubtless be to issue a digest of the law in detail.

Meantime, in response to many enquiries, the Legislative Committee of the State Grange issues to the Granges of Penn'a the following brief comments upon a few of the more important provisions of the law.

The new Act does not disturb the present township road law.

The new becomes operative in those districts only that apply for State aid in Road Improvement.

Petition for State aid for assistance in improving a main traveled road in the township may be made either by the township supervisors, or by the owners of a majority of the assessable real estate valuation thereof through the County Commissioners.

In case of same desire by two or more adjoining townships these petitions are to be singly made out and presented collectively to the County Commissioners.

The owners of a majority of the assessable real estate valuation in a township may block action in that township by sending a petition against it within thirty days to the County Commissioners.

All work done under this law shall be by contract according to the plans and specifications to be prepared by the State Highway Commissioner.

Townships are eligible through their supervisors to become contractors. As showing what is meant by an "Improved Road" in materials that may be used, by whom selected, and general condition of the road we cite entire the 23rd section of the Act.

Section 23. All highways improved under the provisions of this act shall require the construction of a macadam-

ized road, for a telford or other stone road, or a road constructed of gravel, cinder, oyster-shells, or other good materials, in such manner that the same of whatever material constructed, will, with reasonable repairs thereto, at all seasons of the year be firm, smooth and convenient for travel. The County Commissioners shall have the authority to select the kind of materials to be used in improving any road under the provisions of this Act. Any difference of opinion that may arise between the County Commissioners and the township road authorities, as to the kind of a road to be built, shall be decided by the State Highway Commissioner. The State Highway Commissioner shall furnish to the County Commissioner and township road authorities information as to the probable cost of improved highways, as defined in this section.

"No section of Highway improved under this Act shall be less than one-fourth mile in length nor shall the improved portion thereof be less than twelve feet in width."

The state could well have afforded an appropriation of \$1,000,000 or more per year and should have done so. There is, however, but \$500,000 per year for the next two years. It is to be distributed to each county on the basis of the road mileage in each county ascertained by townships. This is a wise feature of the Act as it gives equal consideration to every mile of public road in the State, in the poorer as well as the more densely populated richer districts.

It is provided "That the County Commissioners shall furnish, under oath, to the State Highway Commissioner, the total number of miles of township or county public roads, by townships."

This mileage can be obtained in various ways that will be inexpensive but yet would, we think, be satisfactory. This data should be locally preserved

POPE LEO'S POEM ON DEATH.

When in 1897 the Pope felt the shadow of death beginning to fall upon him, he wrote the following lines, which are considered among his strongest works.

The Western sun draws near his cloudy bed,
Leo, and gradual darkness veils thy head.

The sluggish life blood in thy withered veins
More slowly runs its course—what then remains?

Lo! Death is brandishing his fatal dart,
And the grave yearns to shroud thy mortal part;

But from its prison freed the soul expands
Exulting pinions to the enfranchised lands.

My weary race is run—I touch the goal;
Hear, Lord, the feeble pantings of my soul.

If it be worthy, Lord, thy pitying breast,
Welcome it unto everlasting rest.

May I behold thee, Queen of earth and sky,
Whose love enchaineth the demons lurking nigh

The path to heaven; and freely shall I own
'T was Thy sweet care that gained my blissful crown.

and be available for the various townships.

If the amount to which each county is entitled is not applied for this year it remains in the State treasury to the credit of that county and may be drawn next year along with the amount for that year.

Of the expense incurred in improving a road under this law the State bears two-thirds, the county one-sixth and the township one-sixth payable in cash.

It is permitted, however, for a county and a township or townships to mutually agree to bear different relative proportions of their combined third, but in no case may either pay less than 5 per cent of the total cost.

Legislative Committee of Penn'a State Grange.

W. F. HILL,
W. T. CREESEY,
S. R. BRUNOES.

More than 30,000,000 people of the United States are engaged in agriculture. The moral, social, educational and financial status of so large a number of our people is a matter of interest to every good citizen. The primary purpose of the grange is to educate and elevate the American farmer. Every patriotic farmer should join the grange and help the good work along and every other good citizen as opportunity may offer, should speak a word of encouragement.

August is the great picnic month in Penn'a. There is no better kind of a picnic than the grange kind. The whole family enjoys these picnics. They are run on the family plan. The picnics held this year by the granges of the State are to be more numerous and of a higher order than ever before.

"The Grange is crumbling," says an expose of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, written in 1875. Twenty-seven years have elapsed and while this carpenter maligner of our beloved organization has long since crumbled into dust, the order still lives, larger, grander, greater every way, still going forward in its quiet way of elevating this God-given calling of agriculture in particular and mankind in general.

The just and equitable distribution of wealth is the most important economic question of the age. On its proper solution depends the life of the Republic. It is no new question nor one peculiar to our times. Vast accumulations in the hands of the few at the expense of the many formed the rock on which the ancient republics shipwrecked. If this question is solved aright by this nation the farmer must take no small part in it. He is both a laborer and a capitalist, an employer of labor and a toiler. No other can understand both sides of the question as clearly as he can. In the grange he learns to think on public questions and through it he will yet make his conclusions felt.

Brutally Tortured.
A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled. Joe Goloblock, of Colusa, Calif., writes: "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from Rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it cured me." Just as good for Liver and Kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by H. Alex Stoke, druggist.

ORDINANCE.

(No. 80.)

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Borough of Reynoldsville in council assembled, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same: That all such sums of money as may be received by the Borough Treasurer in accordance with the Act of Assembly, approved June 28th, 1895, P. L. page 410, Sec. (2) providing for the payment by the State Treasurer of one-half of the two per centum tax on premiums paid by foreign fire insurance companies to the treasurer of the several cities and boroughs within this Commonwealth, in accordance with the Act of Assembly approved the 28th day of June, 1895; the same is hereby declared to be received for the benefit of the Firemen's Relief Association of Reynoldsville, Pa.

Section 2. That the borough treasurer is hereby directed to enter such sums on the receipt thereof, under a special account and to report the said annually to the president of the town council of said borough, who is hereby directed to issue an order therefor in favor of the treasurer of the Firemen's Relief Association of Reynoldsville, Pa., on report to him by the Borough Treasurer of the receipt thereof.

Ordained and enacted this 7th day of July, A. D., 1903.

A. M. APPLEGATE,
Pres. of Council.
L. J. MCENTIRE, Clerk of Council.

Approved this 13th day of July, A. D. 1903.
L. M. SIMMONS,
Chief Burgess.

(No. 81.)

An ordinance authorizing the opening of Charles Street, or Eighth Street, from its present northern terminus to Main street and the assessment of damages caused thereby and the grade of the same.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the town council of the borough of Reynoldsville in council assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, that Charles or Eighth street shall be opened to the uniform width of fifty (50) feet through the property now occupied by Lyman W. Scott, and others as the same now appears on plot or map of E. C. Schultz's addition to said borough, recorded in deed book 25, page 529, commencing at the south or west side of the line of Main street to a point two hundred and sixty-four (264) feet from said South or west line of said Main st. to the present northern terminus of said Charles or 8th street, now opened, which northern terminus is about sixty-seven and one-half (67½) feet from the north or east side of Jackson street, according to accompanying plan, which is made part hereof. The damages thereby and the damages caused by the grade thereof and the benefits to pay the same to be assessed and collected in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relating thereto and regulating the same.

Section 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

Ordained and enacted into a law this 7th day of July, 1903.

A. M. APPLEGATE,
President of Council.

L. J. MCENTIRE, Secretary.

Burgess' office, approved July 11th, 1903.
L. M. SIMMONS, Burgess.

No Pity Shown.

"For years fate was after me continually," writes F. A. Gullidge, Verbena, Ala. "I had a terrible case of Piles causing 24 tumors. When all failed Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. Equally good for Burns and all sores and pains. Only 25c at H. Alex Stoke's drug store.

Affairs in Neighboring Hamlets

Sandy Valley.

Mrs. J. D. Woodring called on Mrs. W. T. Cox the past week.

Ben Case and sons, of Brookville, are painting houses for W. J. Boner.

The farmers are complaining of too much dampness. It interferes with hay making.

The Panther Run railroad is now completed. It is as wide as the Union Pacific but not quite so long.

David Fleming, of Eleanora, and children visited with his father-in-law, James McGhee, last Sunday.

Mrs. Cowen and two daughters of Allegheny City, are visiting with the former's sister, Mrs. J. K. Wells.

John Harvey moved his family from the Valley to the Panther Run mines this week. Mr. Harvey is mine boss.

The Sandy Valley Coal Company's mine is running steady and the men are making good wages. It is all pick work.

The new house for James McGhee, Jr., is nearing completion. William Anderson, of Allens Mill, has charge of the work.

The township supervisors have nailed up the bridge that crosses the Sandy Lick creek at this place as it is considered unsafe.

There is a party in the valley that is trying to spread a new religious belief throughout the village. It proposes to do away with that warm climate which people are promised if they won't be good. It seems to meet the approval

of our citizens pretty well. In fact, the writer feels rather friendly to the idea, especially the cold part.

Paradise.

Lee Sheasley is driving team for Ed. Smith.

Soi Rudolph visited at Allen Cathers' last week.

Cleve Deemer is learning the blacksmith trade.

Miss Annie Dickey visited her parents at Wishaw over Sunday.

The Epworth League was re-organized last Sunday evening.

Ruth, the infant daughter of Ed. Hillis, is numbered with the sick.

Mead Syphrit and sister, Miss Trossie, visited at C. E. Kellar's on Sunday.

P. M. Wells and family visited at the home of W. A. Sheasley over Sunday.

Mrs. Wayne Breakoy is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. C. Murray, in Reynoldsville.

John Cathers and sister, Miss Ruth, attended the dedication at Dutch Paradise on Sunday.

The social held at the home of Amos Strouse last Thursday night was a financial success.

George Hollenbaugh is going down below in the near future. George undoubtedly has some attraction down in the grass country.

There will be an ice cream festival at the Grange Hall on Thursday evening, July 23rd, for benefit of the Lutheran church. Everybody come.

Night was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, LaGrippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at H. Alex Stoke's drug store.

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