

**ANNUAL REPORT OF Middle Coal Field Poor District, December 31, 1906.**

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report	\$12,450.75
Joe Courtney, Summit Hill, 36	122.18
David Reese, M. Chumk, 17, 36	191.88
C. D. Oliver, Mauch Chunk, 36	58.82
C. E. Foster, East M. Chumk, 36	41.17
C. D. Oliver, Mauch Chunk, 36	142.70
Joe Courtney, Summit Hill, 36	25.42
David Reese, Mauch Chunk, 36	24.28
S. W. Hoiland, Weatherly, 36	300.00
J. N. Fisher, Beaver Meadow, 36	58.82
A. A. Beaman, Foster Twp, 36	60.00
J. M. Williams, Beaver Meadow, 36	129.19
C. E. Foster, East M. Chumk, 36	58.78
C. J. Creveling, Hazleton City, 36	60.00
Jas. J. Heaney, Lehigh Twp, 36	57.82
John S. Koenig, M. Chumk Twp, 36	297.59
C. D. Oliver, Mauch Chunk, 36	549.29
John J. Hackett, Banks Twp, 36	328.27
W. H. Reynolds, Hazleton City, 36	18.94
Wm. Snyder, Summit Hill, 36	125.21
Thos. Rogan, Lansford, 36	134.50
John Fellers, Lansford, 36	43.60
W. E. Oberlander, Foster Twp, 36	728.17
Patrick Smith, Hazle Twp, 36	1,122.43
Patrick McKenna, W. Hazleton, 36	182.22
Frank L. Hoover, Weatherly, 36	728.17
J. M. Williams, Beaver Meadow, 36	1,125.28
C. E. Foster, East M. Chumk, 36	184.00
C. J. Creveling, Hazleton City, 36	10,080.01
C. J. Creveling, Lehigh Twp, 36	100.47
John S. Koenig, M. Chumk Twp, 36	3,352.50
C. D. Oliver, Mauch Chunk, 36	3,311.30
John J. Hackett, Banks Twp, 36	1,851.40
W. H. Reynolds, Hazleton City, 36	254.91
Wm. Snyder, Summit Hill, 36	3,271.66
Thos. Rogan, Lansford, 36	3,574.82
Daniel Kline, Freeland, 36	491.75
John Fellers, Lansford, 36	40.00
W. E. Oberlander, Foster Twp, 36	2,592.70
Patrick Smith, Hazle Twp, 36	6,042.39
Patrick McKenna, W. Hazleton, 36	601.98
Disbursements:	
Mrs. H. Mitchell	35.40
Abraham Hinkley	150.00
Stephen Lutzow	100.00
John S. Koenig	100.00
Abraham Hinkley	98.00
John S. Koenig	25.00
Joseph Hinkley	7.00
William Hinkley	114.32
Fines by Alderman Heidenreich	1,172.42
Unassessd land tax from Luzerne Co.	1,172.42
Total	\$62,431.91

John Schwartz, James McCreedy, J. Directors, Samuel Wagner, J. Attest: C. Fred King, secretary.

We, the undersigned auditors of the Middle Coal Field poor district, do hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts, receipts and vouchers, and the expenditures of the directors and steward and find them correct as above stated. February 1, 1907.

L. G. Lubrecht, L. G. Lubrecht.

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

Auditing expenses	\$ 30.00
Conveying papers	106.19
Printing	106.19
Clothing, boots and shoes	465.02
Dry goods and notions	400.00
Reception expenses	400.00
Farm expenses	287.00
Farm implements	210.00
Fuel and light	1,200.00
Convention expenses and assist.	76.41
Medical and provision	5,272.59
House repairs	2,242.91
Expenses	400.71
Maintenance of children	600.00
Household expenses	420.00
Hospital expenses	241.18
Insurance	62.00
Interest and discount	181.41
Improvements new reservoir	151.00
Legal fees and expenses	70.80
Merchandise	840.00
Maintenance of house, Danville	4,000.25
Office expenses	162.71
Travel	19.25
Food other poor districts	217.31
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Printing	410.00
Repairs to buildings	400.00
Use of sawmill and paid in	600.00
Salaries and expenses	1,250.00
Outdoor medical attendance	90.00
Hay stock	30.00
*Paid Geo T. Wells as steward's expenditures	4,000.00
*See explanation below	
Balance in Hazleton National bank	14,239.81
Total	\$62,431.91

**OUTSTANDING ON TAX DUPLICATES.**

Thos. J. Moore, Freeland, 36	47.84
Louis Beckwith, 36	242.91
Patrick Owens, Foster Twp, 36	9.88
Conrad Hinkley, Foster Twp, 36	256.49
Samuel W. Reynolds, Weatherly, 36	254.91
Henry J. Fritz, Lehigh, 36	40.98
Samuel W. Reynolds, Weatherly, 36	58.09
C. D. Oliver, Mauch Chunk, 36	47.18
124.96	
Thomas Brown, Foster Twp, 36	142.00
J. M. Williams, Beaver Meadow, 36	60.00
John J. Hackett, Banks Twp, 36	25.40
Jas. J. Heaney, Lehigh Twp, 36	88.87
C. E. Foster, East M. Chumk, 36	58.78
John S. Koenig, M. Chumk Twp, 36	57.24
C. D. Oliver, Mauch Chunk, 36	504.96
159.41	
Patrick Smith, Hazle Twp, 36	1,367.21
John S. Koenig, M. Chumk Twp, 36	500.41
C. E. Foster, East M. Chumk, 36	58.78
Wm. Snyder, Summit Hill, 36	340.94
J. M. Williams, Beaver Meadow, 36	235.08
John J. Hackett, Banks Twp, 36	30.25
Jas. J. Heaney, Lehigh Twp, 36	127.30
Thos. Rogan, Lansford, 36	381.74
John Fellers, Lansford, 36	43.60
C. J. Creveling, Hazleton City, 36	30.25
Patrick McKenna, W. Hazleton, 36	486.30
W. H. Reynolds, Hazleton City, 36	30.25
*W. E. Oberlander, Foster Twp, 36	500.00
*Daniel Kline, Freeland, 36	1,100.00
*Frank L. Hoover, Weatherly, 36	180.00
Total	\$12,756.86

Those marked thus (\*) have made payment since report was made out.

**GEORGE T. WELLS' ACCOUNT.**

To George T. Wells, steward's expenditures	\$ 4,000.00
Farm expenses	\$ 1,176.04
Freight and cartage	211.75
House expenses	500.38
Blacksmith and blacksmith	340.00
Shoes	240.00
Hospital expenses	201.00
Hospital warrants	200.00
Hospital repairs	70.00
Office expenses	5.50
Merchandise	10.38
Erection expenses	10.00
Groceries and provisions	122.21
Conveying horses	20.15
Steward's traveling expenses	21.00
Salary of steward and matron	1,075.00
Geo T. Wells, steward, Dr.	\$ 4,910.56
To cash received from directors	\$ 4,000.00
Cash for merchandise	27.00
" " " "	54.94
" " " "	3.71
" " " "	14.00
" " " "	51.02
" " " "	99.87
" " " "	23.94
" " " "	150.00
" " " "	4.00
" " " "	7.37
" " " "	3.00
" " " "	2.46
" " " "	4.32
" " " "	1.00
" " " "	408.00
Balance due Geo T. Wells steward	408.00

**PRODUCE ON FARM.**

125 tons hay, 150 bushels corn in the ear, 175 bushels potatoes, 18 bushels truck wheat, 180 bushels oats, 50 bushels rye, 40 bushels mangies, 120 bushels beets, 140 bushels turnips, 30 bushels carrots, 600 bushels cabbage, 120 bushels pickles, 120 bushels peas, 120 bushels beans, 200 bushels butter, 2000 pounds pork, 600 pounds lard, 1600 pounds beef, 200 pounds veal, 3 barrels sauerkraut, 30 barrels soft soap, 200 pounds hard soap.

**STOCK ON FARM.**

8 head horses, 2 mules, 20 shoats, 22 cows, 1 bull, 6 heifers, 6 steers, 7 calves, 10 chickens, 10 turkeys, 10 ducks.

**MACHINERY.**

Four two horse wagons, one two seated carriage, one one seated carriage, one horse, one spring wagon, three two horse mules, two single, four plows, three harrows, three cultivators, two hay rakes, two mowing machines, one thrashing machine, one foder cutter, one seed drill.

**ARTICLES MADE IN HOUSE.**

225 bed-sheets, 304 pillow cases, 24 bolster cases, 88 bed ticks, 10 pillow ticks, 2 bolster ticks, 30 women's dresses, 30 children's dresses, 20 infants' dresses, 31 women's night gowns, 10 children's night gowns, 188 women's chemises, 12 children's chemises, 13 infants' chemises, 23 women's petticoats, 23 children's petticoats, 23 women's aprons, 3 children's aprons, 12 women's underwaists, 12 shrouds, 4 towels, 30 window curtains.

**CHILDREN BORN IN 1906.**

To Kate Boyle, girl, January 12.  
To Mrs. George Bitler, June 18.

Average number of inmates, 192. Of these 35 males and 57 females are insane.	
Approximate value of real estate and personal property, as taken and computed by the directors and auditors.	\$ 7,750.00
350 acres of land	1,500.00
431 acres of land	2,150.00
Store house	1,500.00
Household furniture	3,000.00
Boiler house and laundry fixtures	2,500.00
House furniture in all buildings	2,500.00
Chop mill	500.00
Water works, artesian well and pipe lines	1,500.00
Ice house	200.00
Farm implements	2,000.00
Iron stock	1,800.00
Farm produce	3,500.00
Cash in bank	14,239.81
Uncollected taxes	6,763.85
Total	\$89,660.75

**OUTDOOR RELIEF AND BEREAVEMENT.**

Outdoor relief Luzerne district	\$17,070.77
" " " "	137.00
" " " "	44.00
" " " "	3,003.30
" " " "	30.00
Total	\$21,444.75

**COST OF INMATES.**

In this statement figures not chargeable to inmates have been deducted.	
George T. Wells, steward	\$ 4,000.00
John S. Koenig	280.00
Medical	491.75
Hospital expenses	211.18
Groceries and provisions	5,272.59
Fuel and light	1,200.00
Farm expenses	287.00
Dry goods and notions	400.00
Clothing, boots and shoes	465.02
House expenses	400.71
Total	\$13,755.60
Average number of inmates, including steward's department, 192; cost per month, \$6.62; cost per week, \$1.92; cost per day, 21c.	
George T. Wells, steward.	
J. M. Wells, matron.	

**DEED DURING THE YEAR.**

Sarah Fredrick, Jan 6, aged 82 years.	
Henry Urwine, Jan 21, aged 70 years.	
Mrs. Meichel, Jan 21, aged 84 years.	
John Morrow, Jan 25, aged 75 years.	
Andrew Fitzpatrick, Jan 27, aged 48 years.	
Theresa Smith, Feb 14, aged 76 years.	
John Morrow, April 25, aged 68 years.	
John Morris, Feb 26, aged 34 years.	
John Seacock, March 10, aged 48 years.	
Domnick Boyle, April 25, aged 68 years.	
Thomas Thomas, May 12, aged 78 years.	
Rose Arnold, May 21, aged 40 years.	
Leul Boyle, May 28, aged 62 years.	
Robert Geigel, June 25, aged 38 years.	
Paul Manacotta, June 25, aged 31 years.	
Andrew Hunkley, August 21, aged 45 years.	
William Brogan, July 2, aged 32 years.	
Patrick Gallagher, July 14, aged 70 years.	
John Seacock, July 15, aged 30 years.	
Peter O'Brien, July 30, aged 68 years.	
George Better, August 12, aged 37 years.	
Andrew Hunkley, August 21, aged 45 years.	
Martin Harrison, October 15, aged 50 years.	
Phil Decker, Nov. 14, aged 70 years.	
Kate Wain, Nov. 14, aged 80 years.	
Mrs. L. Beltrus, Nov. 17, aged 67 years.	
Patrick Ladden, Dec. 5, aged 68 years.	
Gasper Hoidt, Dec. 12, aged 21 years.	

**ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR.**

Male adults	67
Female adults	21
Male children	3
Female children	4

**DISCHARGED AND REMOVED.**

Male adults	44
Female adults	10
Male children	1
Female children	1

**DIED DURING THE YEAR.**

Male adults	57
Female adults	7

**INMATES REMAINING.**

Male adults	129
Female adults	40
Male children	2
Female children	4

**CLASSIFICATION.**

Males in hospital	301
Females in hospital	56
Males in almshouse	43
Females in almshouse	13

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Joseph Coyle, of Harleigh, a discharged soldier of the regular army, is at the Pottsville hospital suffering from a wound received by the accidental discharge of a 32-calibre revolver, which he carried. The bullet has been extracted, though the patient's condition is serious.

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FREELAND, PA., FEBRUARY 23, 1907.

**Why Pension Judges?**

From the Doylestown Republican. A bill has been introduced in the state legislature providing for the retirement of judges after having served a certain number of years and allow them to draw two-thirds of the amount of salary annually paid while in active service. In the preamble of the bill it is set forth, among other reasons in favor of the measure, that justice and the honor of the commonwealth require that a judge who has spent his life in faithful service on the bench, should not be left without support in his old age. This is, truly, a benevolent spirit.

As a matter of fact, however, it is not remembered that any judge in this state has ended his days in the almshouse, and yet pensions have not been paid up to this time. Judges are paid reasonably good salaries, far more than the majority of men earn in the usual avocations. They are not called on to spend any great proportion of their earnings for purposes of entertaining, etc., as is the case with some officials.

They generally live in more or less retirement, and apparently enjoy most of the comforts of life and some of the luxuries. Their office, in most instances, is good for life and, surely, during thirty years, which period the bill specifies judges shall serve before they can retire on a pension, surely, in this time a judge ought to be able to lay by something out of his salary for the time when he shall be compelled to leave the bench because of advancing years.

There does not appear to be any good reason for giving judges pensions. They are not continuously engaged with their duties. There is the long summer vacation with the frequent intervals between terms. Of course, considerable work is done by judges out of court. Even with this their labors are frequently light and often interrupted with vacations more or less extended. All this is not said in disparagement of the judges of our courts, but simply to answer the question which introduces this discussion.

In favor of the passage of this retirement and pension bill it is stated that judges deserve to be pensioned after having given the people faithful service for nearly a lifetime. But why confine the pension system to judges only? As to public servants, and faithful service what about public school teachers who have devoted years to doing noble work for the common good? Their salaries are generally far below what should be paid for their work. The earnings of teachers are nothing like those of judges. If any class of public servants deserve to be