

EXPORTS INCREASED

Contracts to Pay Part of Dredging Costs and Make \$100,000 Addition to Works.

Philadelphia, Aug. 13. Along what lines the present administration of the Dock Department is directing its energies, and what those policies are accomplishing in the way of increasing both the facilities for commerce and commerce itself, in the port of Philadelphia, are well illustrated by a contract just being entered into by the Dock Department and the Barrett Manufacturing Company, one of the largest pitch and tar roofing material concerns in the world.

The agreement typifies the basis of progressive economy upon which Director George W. Norris has placed the department. The net results of the contract will be to bring a dozen more vessels to the port of Philadelphia for many sailings annually; to increase the exportations in a single commodity by \$500,000 a year; to make additions to the big Barrett plant that will cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000, and to dredge from the Schuylkill River channel between 12,000 and 20,000 cubic yards of material, for which work the Barrett Manufacturing Company will contribute 11 cents per yard.

This is entirely aside from fully 200,000 cubic yards of other dredging in the Schuylkill River, regarded generally as a Federal Government obligation, but which in the lack of any assistance from that source, the Dock Department will carry out during the current year from city and State appropriations.

The Barrett contract, after setting forth that the Dock Department is the party of the first part, and that the Barrett Manufacturing Company is the party of the second part, reads:

"Whereas, in consideration of the parties of the second part letting contracts for additions to its plant, located on the Schuylkill River, which will cost between Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) and One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), and upon consideration that the parties of the second part charter additional steamers and thus increase the export business of Port Philadelphia, the party of the first part agrees to dredge from the Schuylkill River, in front of the property of the Barrett Manufacturing Company, from the area between its bulkhead and the channel of the stream, whatever amount of material the said party of the second part may desire dredged, not to exceed 20,000 cubic yards and not less than 12,000 cubic yards in quantity, unless said agreement be modified by a subsequent agreement; and, in consideration of the said dredging, the party of the second part agrees to pay to the party of the first part, in checks drawn to the order of the Receiver of Taxes, 11 cents per cubic yard for each and every cubic yard removed, ten days after the receipt of a bill for the same from the party of the first part."

This move by the Barrett Company is not unlike that made recently by the Pennsylvania Railroad when, in preparing to divert much of its coal shipments from New York to Philadelphia, that corporation let a half-million dollar contract for improved trans-shipment facilities at Greenwich Point piers.

"We contemplate a very large expansion of our Philadelphia plant," said Mr. Ehret, the local manager of the Barrett Company.

"The additional vessels have been chartered and will be put into service during the coming season, which in our business is from early fall until spring.

"Heretofore we have not used more than three vessels in this service and often only one or two. Instead of increasing our export tonnage through New York we are now prepared to send that business through the port of Philadelphia.

"We expect to send out during the coming months not less than 300,000 tons, perhaps more. The largest consignments will be for Italy, France and England, with more infrequent shipments to other foreign countries. In value this increased export business will be not less than \$500,000. It may be more. Assured of a sufficient draft for our vessels, our shipments from Philadelphia will far exceed those from the port of New York."

WILL SOON START PAYING FUNDS

State Treasurer Wright Plans Early Distribution of School Money.

Harrisburg, Aug. 7.—State Treasurer Wright will begin the general payment of school funds for the year beginning July 1, some time during the next two weeks. The work of handing out the funds to the school districts has been held back for a short time owing to slow collections due to delay in tax settlements, but these have now been settled by Auditor General Sisson, and it is expected that the big corporations, such as the railroad and trolley companies, and a few of the large industrial companies, will soon be called upon to send in their checks, when the work of paying the school districts will go on uninterrupted, and as fast as reports are received from districts they will get their money. This was the last day for the return of tax on personal property from the counties, and but few remain unreturned.

The balance in the general fund of the state treasury at the close of same as at the close of the June business, \$8,816,000. The collections during the month were \$1,933,000, and the payments were about the same. There is \$785,163 in the sinking fund, but there will not be any material increase in that fund as it is only added to from fines imposed for violations of the old blue laws and interest on sinking fund balances. The outstanding state debt is \$660,000, but it could all be paid on demand and leave a balance in the sinking fund of \$120,000. At present there are but \$15,750 of state four per cent. bonds of 1912 outstanding, the others having been redeemed, and that represents the state debt so far as 1912 bonds

are concerned. The 3 1-2 per cents have all been redeemed. Of the remainder of the state debt \$517,000 is due to loans for the benefit of State College and overdue loans on which interest ceased long ago. It is expected that the greater part of the school appropriations will be paid before the close of September.

GOOD ROADS

(Special to The Citizen.)

Harrisburg, August 12.—Notwithstanding the undoubted popularity of the good roads movement in this State, the officials of the Pennsylvania Motor Federation and others active in the cause are impressed with the importance of all friends of good roads taking advantage of every opportunity to emphasize this sentiment.

Careful investigation convinces the officers of the Motor Federation that the proposition to amend the Constitution so as to permit the State to borrow money up to \$50,000,000 for road construction is immensely popular with people of all classes, but they have also learned that efforts are being made to lead the farmers of the State to believe that their interests are not paramount in this matter, and that somehow or other there would be more money for the dirt roads of the townships if the bond issue were not to go through.

Attention is directed to the recent statement of an official of the State Grange to the effect that the proposed bond issue would require the setting aside of \$3,500,000 annually for interest and sinking fund, which amount, if expended direct, would do a lot of road building. In answer to this it is pointed out by friends of good roads that no such amount would be required for carrying the bond issue as proposed. The bonds would not be issued all at once, but only from time to time in such amounts as were needed for the work in hand. It would be altogether impracticable to have 8,000 miles of highway under construction at the same time. Furthermore, instead of permitting all the bonds to run for the full 30-year period, the State would be in a position to retire some of them in a few years and others at frequent intervals, so that at no time would the full issue be outstanding.

The Grange official says that on two occasions the Governor cut large amounts out of the appropriations for dirt roads, but it is significant that on both these occasions the appropriations for State roads also were reduced to such an extent that the Highway department was compelled to abandon a large portion of its construction program. In both cases the cutting was due to lack of funds, and that is exactly the condition the \$50,000,000 bond issue is intended to heal.

The advocates of the bond issue believe that when the farmers come to study the matter they will see that the proposed bonds will provide a way for relieving the current revenues of the burden of supplying money for main highway construction, and that this will leave more money for distribution among the townships for making and maintaining the dirt roads that are so important to the occupants of the farms.

It is pointed out that as long as the State roads are competitors with the township roads for a share of the current cash of the State, the township roads are likely to get the worst of it, and that therefore the farmer, even if he had not a vital interest in the building of fine State roads to connect the market towns and cities, would yet have the best of reason for supporting the bond issue.

The subject is likely to figure conspicuously in the campaign now beginning, for the members of the Legislature elected this year are to vote on the \$50,000,000 bond amendment in the session of 1913 and it will then go to the people for their approval.

IN THESE DAYS OF HIGH PRICES EAT PLAIN BEANS.

Advice By Dr. Doolittle, Chief of the Pure Food Board.

Washington, Aug. 12.—If you want something to take the place of meat that won't turn profits over to the beef barons, and will save you money in these days of high prices, eat plain beans.

This was the remedy suggested by Dr. R. E. Doolittle, Dr. Wiley's successor as Uncle Sam's chief of the pure food board.

"Eat beans if beef is too expensive," said Dr. Doolittle in a statement to the United Press. "They are the best substitute for beef. One should not eat meat, anyway, more than once daily, depending, of course upon the physical condition and employment of the person. Hard workers need more meat than those in sedentary work. It seems to me the harder a man works and the lower his wages the more meat he needs. Meat is protein. Protein is strength."

"But beans are high in protein percentage. Not canned beans, but home-baked beans are the best. Canned vegetables of all kinds are not as good as fresh."

"Other good substitutes for meat are peas, all kinds of nuts, cheese and milk, all of high protein value."

"Mind you, I'm not recommending a vegetarian diet as the best and only diet, but substitutes for meat. Sugar, too, is healthful to give physical strength. Oatmeal contains some fat, but breakfast foods, generally, are merely starchy."

"If fish can not be considered meat I would recommend fish as a substitute for meat, but generally, fish prices follow those of meat."

"Beans and peas, however, are the best of all for a meatless menu, but eat meat once a day if your stomach and pocketbook feel like it."

Remembered the Lesson.

My little girl, who was about three years old, had always had an impression upon her that after she was once dressed she should not get dirty again. One afternoon after being dressed she went out to play and fell down in the dirt. She then came running to me and cried, "O, mamma now I'm all undressed."—Exchange.

NO DANGER FROM TELEPHONES.

Nearly two years ago the Postmaster General at London became interested in the reports that tuberculosis could be communicated by the use of the telephones, particularly those for public use. In order to confirm or refute such a statement he arranged that a number of them be selected from various places and that they be delivered to a well-known bacteriologist for examination. Special care was taken to obtain instruments that were without the possibility of having been disinfected or even cleaned, and the same care was taken to see that they reached the testing laboratory in the exact condition in which they were removed from public use. They were taken from postoffices, railway depots, meat markets and other places frequented by the public.

The laboratory used is that of St. George's Hospital Medical School, Hyde Park Corner, S. W., and the work was done in the Clinical Investigation Department under the supervision of Dr. H. R. D. Spitta, Superintendent.

Washings were made of the mouthpieces and the whole contents were then injected in guinea pigs. The animals were kept in separate cages under supervision and killed a few weeks later. Exhaustive examinations proved that they were absolutely healthy. From the twenty-one telephones used in the test no tubercle bacilli were found.

From a subsequent series of tests ending February 16 of the present year, and made with instruments used wholly by consumptive patients, the same results were obtained. The tests were made at the Frimley Sanitarium with instruments installed at the bedside of phthisical patients undergoing treatment. They were in use by the patients at regular periods for a number of days just prior to the test.

Tests were also made by the American Government, and like proofs resulted.

From all of these impartial and exhaustive experiments it has been proved beyond question that not the slightest danger of communication of the disease is possible through the medium of the telephone.—The Telephone News.

BACK YARD FLOCK PROFITABLE

Dozen or More Hens Will Live Largely on Table Refuse.

Any time within the next two months will be a good time to launch a back yard poultry enterprise. There is no question about the wisdom of such a step. The back yard flock of ten or a dozen hens pays better per hen than any flock of larger size. The waste from the table of the average household will go far in maintaining a dozen hens, which makes it possible in such cases to produce eggs at a surprisingly low cost. It is a noteworthy fact that where these small flocks are given even the most ordinary attention egg production is rarely suspended entirely for a dozen days in the year. On the other hand, there are many instances of large flocks kept on a small area that will yield no product for three months in the molting season.

There are a good many persons who think the limitations of their back yard preclude the possibility of keeping a few hens. A Steelton man has a poultry house and yard, a picture of which was shown in a recent issue of the Harrisburg Telegraph, that takes up a space in the back yard only 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 feet. He keeps eight hens that never step outside this area of less than forty-seven square feet. There is seldom a demand for a fresh egg at this home that is not met by this small, closely yarded flock.

There is no need for any extravagance in the matter of a house. Many piano boxes are made to serve for poultry houses and by altering a trifle they make a very comfortable home for a few hens. Fifty cents buys a store box, and two such boxes make a snug little poultry house.

The best time to make a start is in the fall. Build the house and buy some pullets from a breeder of purebred stock. Fowls need some little time to become accustomed to new quarters, and the start should not be delayed until pullets come into laying, for a change of quarters will then interrupt egg production.

STALKER AND BRAMAN.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Stalker and Braman, Aug. 13. The largest Ladies' Aid meeting of the season was with Mrs. George Lott and was held in the grove. All the members were present and visitors were there from Hankins, Middletown, Braman, Lookout, Galilee and Basket, forty-three in all, and the proceeds about seven dollars.

The Ladies' Aid society will hold their church fair at Stalker August 29 in the grove, all day and evening. They will serve dinner and supper and there will be music and other entertainment through the day. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. McKechnie and daughter, Dorothy, are on the sick list. Miss Maggie Maher is gaining slowly.

Miss Lodusky Barnes and Mrs. John Ryan attended the funeral of Lena Manny at Binghamton last Saturday.

Thomas Caffery is very seriously ill. Dr. Achison of Hancock, was called last Thursday for consultation.

Fred Caffery, of Carthage, N. Y., was called home by the serious illness of his father.

Frank Tyler, of New York City, is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Frank Cole.

Emma and Joseph Kelly were called to Binghamton last Thursday by the death of their niece, Lena Manny.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tyler and son spent Sunday at Frank Cole's. The Sunday school picnic at Braman will be held August 15.

Mrs. Louis Rauer has not been well for several days. Nature never did betray the heart that loved her. 'Tis her privilege through all the years of this our life to lead from joy to joy.—Wordsworth.

VACATION ALL YEAR ROUND.

Half the benefit of a vacation is its effect upon your mind. Very often your body seems run down simply because your mind has not had a rest.

Unfortunately people have an idea that they can overwork for eleven and one half months and then, in a week or a two weeks' vacation, make up what health they have lost. This is not enough. You must have vacation all year round.

This is not as difficult as it sounds. A vacation is nothing more than a change of occupation. You have a splendid opportunity for vacation every Saturday and Sunday. Don't sit in the house during your week ends and talk shop. If you do, sooner or later you will go stale like an overtrained athlete. If you are near the country get out into it. If you are in the city, use the parks. Make it a point to cultivate as a hobby some game or sport that will give you exercise—if it is only pitching quoits.

If you are in the habit of riding to work on the trolley car, walk instead occasionally. If you are working in the country go to town every now and then during the year. A good book now and then is the best kind of mental exercise for the city or the country man. You rest your mind by giving it something to do. Remember this and take a vacation all year round.—Karl de Schweinitz, Executive Secretary, Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

NEW YORK STATE FAIR.

The new cattle building at the New York State fair, located at Syracuse, has just been completed. It is a palatial structure and costs \$200,000. There are 928 steel stalls, thereby insuring adequate accommodations for this year's exhibition.

An innovation is planned in the way of providing in the cattle building sleeping rooms for the herdsmen, 60 in number, in the gallery space, so that each owner may have a herdsman looking at all times, day and night, after his stock, thus giving the utmost care against personal injury.

The premiums in the cattle classes this year aggregate more than \$9,000, and in addition to this amount certain cash prizes are offered by the commission and cups and special prizes are offered by a number of cattle associations. The special prizes will be given in the classes of Short-horns, Holstein-Friesian, Jersey and Guernsey cattle.

A number of Wayne county farmers anticipate attending this great exhibition this fall.

TRAFFIC LAW VIOLATION.

Scranton.—A Scranton man was arrested last week for running his motor on the wrong side of the street. He proved an alibi, and did not know who was running his machine. If the mysterious driver is not located within a week the owner pays a \$50 fine.

SWALLOWS FOUR \$20 BILLS.

Philadelphia.—Robert Arney, a member of the United States Marine Corps, stationed at Fort Mifflin, has four \$20 bills some place in his system, but he is unable to get them. Arney saved the \$80 from a holdup man by swallowing the bills.

The footpad was captured later and held in ball for court. The police declare they want the four \$20 bills swallowed by Arney as evidence.

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Sealed Proposals will be received by the trustees of the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane at Farview, Pa., for the following items: One team of horses, one two-ton wagon, one set of harness combs, brushes, netting, 75 bushels of oats, 2 tons of hay, one plow, one harrow, and other farm implements, one stone crusher, engine, screens, bins and roller. Detailed information may be received on application to the Superintendent, Dr. Fitzsimmons. All proposals must be in the hands of the Trustees not later than August 21, 1912, the Trustees reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

WALTER McNICHOLS, Chairman, Buildings and Grounds Committee, 61f.

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STOCKHOLDERS' NOTICE.

At a meeting of the directors of the Honesdale Dime Bank, held on July 25, 1912, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we recommend the stockholders of the Honesdale Dime Bank to increase the capital stock of the said bank from \$75,000 to \$100,000."

In accordance with the above resolution a meeting of the stockholders is called to convene at the bank on Thursday, the 10th day of October, 1912, between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the said day, to take action on the approval or disapproval of the proposed increase.

Note: In the event of the stockholders approving the increase as recommended, the Board of Directors will fix the price for which the said stock shall be sold at \$200 per share.

BENJ. F. HAINES, Secretary. Honesdale, Pa., Aug. 5, 1912. 63w9.

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