

WAGONS ROAD TO VALLEY MINE

Commissioner Paul of Coal Township Gets Sympathy of Board, That's All.

Coal roads and bridges of Coal township are in urgent need of repair, and how funds for this purpose are to be obtained is the question agitating the mind of William Paul, road commissioner of Coal Valley.

Mr. Paul appeared before the board of supervisors yesterday and reported upon the pitiful condition of the highways under his care, the result of heavy traffic between the mines and the cities. He received small encouragement from the board on the question of financial aid. The supervisors are not lacking in moral support, all admitting that something ought to be done to make the route more passable, but opinion prevailed that some means other than the county treasury should be employed to finance the needed repairs.

Coal Wagons Cause.
Wallace Treichler, commissioner of highways for the county, also addressed the board in behalf of the Coal Valley roads. He pointed out that the mines have proven of great benefit to the cities, especially during the coal crisis of last year, and that the people should be willing to pay a little toward the improvement of the roads.

Dr. HALEY

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D. E. E. HALEY, Md.,
Specialist
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which are damaged by the incessant movement of the heavily loaded coal wagons carrying the product to the city residents at prices lower than they can buy shipped in coal.

It was suggested that a tax be placed by the township on all coal loaded at the mine, or that a toll be collected by the city of Moline at the Rock River bridge to be turned into a fund for the upkeep of the roads.

Commissioner Paul states that the bridges are in dire need of strengthening. Fact is, he informed the board, most of the bridges in the township were condemned several years ago and that something must be done immediately if accidents are to be avoided.

MIDNIGHT MASS TO BE CELEBRATED IN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Midnight mass will be celebrated at the Catholic churches in the city on Christmas morning. This will be the second time in many years that midnight mass has been held, Christmas the custom being revived at the local churches. Midnight mass will also be observed in Davenport churches according to a decision reached at a meeting of the deanery of Davenport. This will be the first time since 1900 that the solemn rites have been performed in Davenport at Christmas time.

The mass will begin at 12 o'clock midnight, lasting until 2 o'clock in the morning. At St. Joseph's Catholic church mass will be held again at 8, 9 and 10 o'clock on Christmas morning.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From The Argus Files of 1895

Dec. 5—Farmer Buras, the wrestler, was in the city from his country home at Big Rock, Iowa, today.

The fourth annual ball of Camp 1556, M. W. A., was given last evening at Odd Fellows' hall, about seventy-five couples being in attendance. Music was furnished by Bleuer's orchestra and at midnight supper was served in the dining hall.

Dec. 6—Last evening at St. Mary's Catholic church was celebrated the marriage of John L. Litzig of this city and Miss Aggie V. McFarland of Davenport. Misses Margaret Dart and Sue Denkmann are in Chicago.

Dec. 9—The Sunday school annex of Broadway Presbyterian church was formally dedicated yesterday, impressive ceremonies attending the occasion in which sister congregations joined in rejoicing over the improvement.

Dec. 10—It was a message laden with glad tidings of great joy, the dispatch which bore to The Argus last evening from Springfield the news that Rock Island county had won the site for the location of the western insane hospital. It had been a long contest in which the county had stood squarely on its merits and it is a victory in

which we should all rejoice with equal fervor and enthusiasm. It is like the court house, a subject in which the entire county, its good name and its pride are involved.

Dec. 11—After the jubilation at the Rock Island house last evening over the news of the location of the western insane hospital at Rock Island a number of tri-city newspaper men dropped into The Argus office and the subject of a tri-city press club came up incidentally to a general discussion of the friendly spirit that should prevail among all interested in the promotion of the common interests of the tri-cities. While it was not deemed prudent to take action until all the papers were consulted, the feeling of those present representing the majority of the papers was unanimously in favor of the revival of the subject. Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Kenfield welcomed a daughter at their Chicago home Monday.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

MUST RAISE FOUR BILLION OF DOLLARS

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to have an increase in taxes and of course members of congress will be pressed by local interests to protest against any taxes that put a burden on the influential business men in their respective communities. So if the tax question is viewed through local eyes, the treasury department will be under constant bombardment not only under this administration but the next one as well. If the question is examined through national eyes, the total amount paid by the American people will be seen as less than any previous year.

Is Four Billions Enough?
Is four billions, however, the minimum amount on which the government can get along? Re-

publican leaders say they can knock a billion dollars out of estimates submitted by the treasury for the coming year. But the treasury calls attention as did President Wilson to the congressional habit of making appropriations out of revolving funds. More than a billion dollars was spent last year in that way after the estimates had been pared down by a billion dollars. Probably the adoption of a budget system and the making of all appropriations directly will cure this fault in government finance but until it comes congress may be in the position of taking a billion dollars off a list of paper estimates and of finding the same billion eventually on a list of expenditures.

To get relief from taxation it will be necessary not merely to reduce the estimate but to prevent indirect appropriations. Moreover, an analysis of how Secretary Houston made up his budget of four billions shows that one and one-third billions go to pay interest on Liberty bonds and other public debt. Another billion is wanted by the military establishment which includes plans for such things as universal military training and the maintenance of a fair sized army to cost, \$638,000,000. The railroads will cost in the neighborhood of a billion dollars and it used to cost the government just a billion dollars to run in pre-war days. At that the government will face a deficit on outstanding debts. Pruning government department estimates will help some but it is not believed the general total that must be raised by taxation will be sufficiently reduced to be felt by the public at large to matter whether Mr. Houston's plans or those of the next administration are adopted. For in a nutshell, some individuals may fare far better and others worse—simply because that is the amount total tax bill will be about the same as Mr. Houston suggests the government must have to pay its bills.

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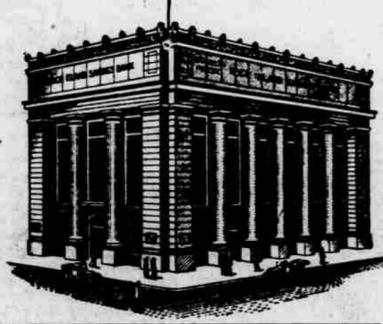
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