

TOLLROADS BELIEVED TO BE DOOMED UNDER BRUMBAUGH PLANS

Friends of Governor-elect Convinced He Will Favor Acquisition of Highways by State.

The abolition of toll roads in Pennsylvania will be one of the first great public benefits which Martin G. Brumbaugh will undertake after he takes the oath of office as Governor, according to his intimate friends.

The Governor-elect has frequently told his friends that he believes toll roads to be one of the greatest evils that exist in Pennsylvania today, and that the State eventually must take over every one of them. He is in favor of immediate action by the State, said one of his close friends today, as the roads, which are owned by private companies and corporations, become more valuable each year.

The new Governor is expected to ask the next Legislature for a large appropriation for this purpose. The State now has the power to take over toll roads and privately owned turnpikes that form part of a State highway, or connect with a State highway, by outright purchase.

The State Highway Commissioner, under an act passed by the Legislature in 1911, and amended in 1913, is enabled to take over toll roads for the State by simply appealing to the courts to establish a fair appraisal of the property. The present law further provides that if a price cannot be agreed upon the State Highway Commissioner can condemn property adjoining the toll roads and build a State road which will compete with toll roads connecting State highways.

Under Commissioner Bigelow about 100 miles of toll roads have been purchased by the State. There still remains almost 200 miles of these roads that connect with State highways. During the last two years the State has built roads from Philadelphia to Harrisburg and from Chambersburg to Harrisburg to compete with toll roads between these places.

When Governor Brumbaugh reorganizes the State Highway Department, as he has pledged himself to do, the amount of money which can be put into good roads will be greatly increased, due to the elimination of excessive overhead charges and of extravagant contracts, with which the Bigelow administration has been accused.

Under the present system of financing the good roads movement in Pennsylvania, approximately \$4,000,000 is available each year for the construction of the roads and for the maintenance of the State Highway Department. This fund is derived from automobile license fees, from State appropriations and from money returned by counties and townships under the State-aid plan of road building.

The total appropriations of the last two sessions of the Legislature to the department have amounted to \$2,500,000. The new Governor is expected to ask an appropriation of \$10,000,000 from the next Legislature. This amount, together with the funds from other sources, would give the State Highway Department about \$12,000,000 to put into good roads during the next two years, and would be sufficient to purchase the toll roads, improve dirt roads and keep the State highways in repair.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Santa Claus Fairies

SO you don't believe in fairies? And you think this once-upon-a-time business is all rot and they'd much better teach the children some sense? And you're glad there is one person (who is you) in the world, who has sense enough to know that there is no such thing as a fairy.

Well, you'd better watch out—for this is fairy week!

Fairies dressed as snowflakes, fairies dressed as sunbeams, are descending on the city and you can't escape their fairy traps!

They'll dip into your pocket and fish out a "five" for the Santa Claus fund when you had decided to give only a quarter.

They'll take possession of your pantry

earth, over city and town and country and give to every person a kind thought.

So ever since that day, all the fairies on earth are changed, the week of Christmas, to Santa Claus fairies and they visit palaces and hovels, leaving kind thoughts in their trail.

And do you know, a touch from a Santa Claus fairy changes the bitter to sweet, the gruff to kind, makes the lonely warm and comforted, makes the stingy loving and giving!

Don't think you can escape the fairies this week—they're in town, and looking for you!

Tomorrow—A Venturesome Snowflake.

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BIBLE SCENES IN TINY GARDEN

Louis Vuotto Contrives Skillful Portrayal of the Nativity.

A Christmas garden may be seen at the home of Louis Vuotto, 706 Catharine street, and it is the marvel of all Little Italy. It includes a miniature portrayal of the Nativity, containing more than 500 small wooden figures, representing angels, priests, shepherds and soldiers.

All of these figures were made by Mr. Vuotto himself and for several months he has been busy retouching the scene. Scores of tiny buildings—huts of shepherds and palaces of Kings—dot the garden. A rim of plaster mountains, capped by glistening white snow, forms an impressive background.

There are the three wise men following the Star of Bethlehem, the palace of Herod, and David in his battle with Goliath. Every year, Mr. Vuotto adds to his garden, and it is viewed by thousands of persons.



Good old Santa looked them all over and decided they were the best helpers any one could have.

Who'll help me? Who'll help me? Girls! Boys! Girls and boys! Come to my storeroom, 508 Chestnut street. Help me fill it to the brim! Bring a doll or a drum—or a little 5-cent piece—anything at all! If you don't help me I never will be able to get down all the chimneys.

Who'll help me? Who'll help me? Will you? SANTA CLAUS.

And you little folks will run errands and give away some of your best toys and have the jolliest time of your small lives—all because of the fairies.

How does it happen?

Listen—this is the story.

In the very longest ago "once upon a time" you can possibly imagine, there lived an old fellow named Santa Claus. He was a jolly old elf who spent all his spare time (and his spare time, all his spare time) and his other time, too) giving the children one happy day each year.

Now that was all very well when the world was small and there was only one city, but pretty soon the world grew up and there are lots of cities and thousands of children. Poor old Santa nearly grew bald headed trying to give every child in the whole world one happy day.

Then, when he was nearly tired out, a bright idea occurred to him.

"How silly of me to try to do everything myself! It's much more fun when lots of people help! But how can I get word to people? I know they will help me if they knew I need them."

Then he remembered the fairies and he called them all to him—every fairy in the whole world. Such troops of little as answered his call—flower fairies, snow fairies, big fairies, little fairies, they all came into Santa Claus' town.

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Answers the Burning Question

Look back on any transactions you have had with us; think them over. If, for any reason, you have grounds for complaint, let us know. There's no statute of limitations here. We aim to give you full-measure satisfaction. We want our customers to be our friends.

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Wanamaker Christmas Piano Advertisement

For several weeks the advertising columns of the newspapers have been crowded with piano store announcements, in which luring and persuasive statements have been made. All these advertisers have united in declaring that every home can be made a happier home by having a piano or player-piano in it.

Which Is All Very True

But also a great many of these piano announcements have sought to show that good pianos could be bought during the Christmas season through club schemes, coupon schemes or various seductive insurance or no-interest schemes for sums of money LESS THAN THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THE INSTRUMENTS.

Which Statements Were Not True at All

The actual fact is that the number of makes of pianos sold in Philadelphia that are safe to buy AT ANY PRICE can be counted up on your fingers. By these we mean the great pianos of NATIONAL REPUTATION, with names instantly recognized by everybody. Such names as—

Chickering Emerson Schomacker Lindeman
And the celebrated Knabe

You have heard these names ALL YOUR LIFE—these and a few others. You know that if you have a piano bearing one of these names, that you have an instrument of integrity beyond question; full value at its regular, unvarying price; and that if the time should come when you might desire to exchange it, you have an instrument with a high exchange value still maintained.

These five pianos are sold in Philadelphia only at the Wanamaker Store.

And it is a fact that any day in the year—Christmas time or any time—you can get a better piano for less money in the Wanamaker Store and on better terms than any other store in Philadelphia.

A strong statement, but PROVED TRUE every day in the year. We have no club schemes, nor coupons, nor prize drawings, nor complications of installments to confuse and delude and cheat the customer.

We sell the greatest pianos in the world and no others, making the most liberal terms possible in sound business, and give you FULL VALUE for money received without pretense of extra value to cover up FRAUD.

Any of These Great Pianos May be Had With the Angelus

The ANGELUS is the first and greatest player mechanism. It is different from any other. It is superior to any other. It is THE MOST WONDERFUL THING IN THE WORLD.

Upright Pianos	
Chickering \$500 and \$550	Emerson \$325 to \$390
Schomacker \$400, \$425, \$450	Lindeman \$220 to \$295
And the celebrated Knabe . . . \$500 and \$550	
Grand Pianos	
Chickering \$675 to \$1200	Emerson \$600
Schomacker \$650 to \$1400	Lindeman \$500
And the celebrated Knabe . . . \$700 to \$1200	
Upright Player-Pianos	
Chickering-Angelus \$1000	Lindeman-Angelus \$585
Chickering Stoddard-Ampico, electric motor, automatic expression control, player-piano \$1200	Lindeman Player-Piano \$395 and up
Schomacker-Angelus \$850	And the celebrated Knabe-Angelus . . . \$1000
Emerson-Angelus \$750	Knabe Stoddard-Ampico, electric motor, automatic expression control, player-piano \$1200
Grand Player-Pianos	
Knabe Angelus Grand \$1650	Schomacker-Angelus Grand . . . \$1850, \$1500
Emerson-Angelus Grand \$1050	

Any of these fine instruments may be bought by making a small payment at the time of purchase.

Dr. Irvin J. Morgan, who plays the Organ in the Grand Court morning and evening during this Christmas season, will be in the Piano Store several hours each day, to give his advice or assistance to anyone desiring it for the purchase of a piano.

(Egyptian Hall, Second Floor)

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