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In every new style and shape shown for fall or winter.

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The sale of white cotton Waistings, has been so satisfactory that we have largely extended the assortment. You are invited to see these new designs in white mercerized Waistings.

Golf Blouses.

Ladies' Knit Wool Golf Blouses, several styles to select from in navy, gray, cardinal, black, white.
Prices range from \$2.50 to \$3.75.

HARMLESS EXPLOSION.

Last Resort of a Desperate Man.

The Herald Still Blowing Dust at F. W. Buck. Attempting to Blacken a Good Name.

Last week the Sullivan County Herald had another bombshell to explode. It has been shown that Scouten hoped and designed to have some one make the statement at an opportune time, that Frank Buck did wantonly and without cause assault Mr. McMahon. The desperate character of the man who sought such a statement and the cunning plans employed to secure it at all hazards, is shown by the letter below which was handed to Editor Fred Newell by Mr. E. A. Ballou, which reads as follows:

To the editor of the Sullivan Review:

Dear Sir:— I wish to make a statement and correct, as far as possible, any injury done to Mr. F. W. Buck by an affidavit signed by myself and appearing in the issues of the Sullivan Gazette and Sullivan Herald bearing date of October 26, 1904. Said affidavit was brought to me already prepared while I was at work in the Dushore silk mill, the noise of the looms prevented any explanation as to its contents, and when I signed the same I was under a misapprehension as to its contents or the purposes for which it was to be used. I was unaware that it was to be published and said publication was unauthorized by me. I now hasten to make such amends as are in my power to Mr. Buck, and request the public to pay no attention to the said affidavit.

Signed, E. A. BALLOU.

Dushore, Pa., October 29, 1904.

If anything were needed to make Mr. Buck's election more certain than it already appears, Scouten's method of attempting to prove his outlandish attacks has certainly supplied the need.

He doubtless thinks that his readers hail such rot as something remarkable. It certainly is. However, sensible people fail to see the humor of the performance.

Herald Caught Lying Again.

The Sullivan Herald in its issue of October 27th, contains the following article intended to deceive voters: [From Sullivan Herald of October 26th, 1904.]

"For seven years past he (Judge Dunham) has from time to time published his opinion in the disbarment case. If there is anything in the world he loves to read it is his opinion in that case. Only last week he published it again in his paper and he will probably continue it again as long as he lives."

In order to show respectable citizens what manner of a man controls the "Herald" and to convince to convince the voters that it is absolutely unreliable and unworthy of any confidence by reason of its attempts to mislead and deceive, we have made oath to the facts in the matter as follows:

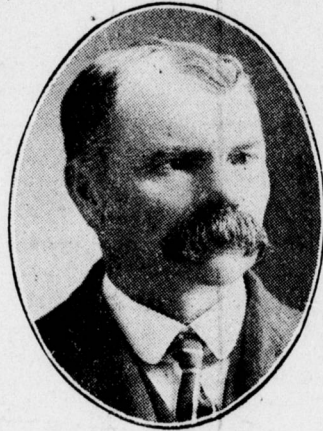
State of Pennsylvania,)
County of Sullivan,) ss:

Personally appeared before me, the Subscribed, Prothonotary in and for the County of Sullivan, State aforesaid, Chas. L. Wing, who being duly sworn doth depose and say that neither the opinion of Judge Dunham or that of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in the matter of the disbarment of John G. Scouten had ever been published in the "News Item" until the issue of October 20, 1904. That he has been the editor and publisher of the "News Item" since it was founded and that the above article from the "Sullivan Herald" is wholly false.

CHAS. L. WING,
Editor News Item.

Sworn and Subscribed
before me this 31 day of
Oct., 1904.

Thos. E. Kennedy,
Prothonotary.



F. W. BUCK,
The People's Favorite Candidate for Sheriff.

The close of the campaign finds Frank W. Buck a more popular candidate than at any time since his name was mentioned in connection with the office. That he will make one of the most competent, efficient and obliging officials that the office of Sheriff has ever known in this county, is clear to all who have ever transacted business with him. He is prompt, reliable and safe, and can be depended upon in any emergency to perform his whole duty without fear or favor.

The abuse that has been heaped upon Mr. Buck is proof clear and positive that his opponents realize his strength with the people and would like to defeat him by charges reflecting upon his ability and character; but this opposition has been characterized by such wilful, deliberate and wanton misrepresentations that the people having had an opportunity to learn the truth concerning him, will show their appreciation for his staunch and rugged manly qualities by their ballots.

Frank W. Buck will be elected sheriff of Sullivan county by an overwhelming vote.

The last few days of the campaign has witnessed a steady increase in the strength of his candidacy.

The falsity of the accusations that have appeared in both the Herald and the Gazette has been fully proven. Nothing that these organs can now print will in any wise change the situation. That they will send out in their last edition stories derogatory to Mr. Buck is of course expected, but that they can longer deceive anybody by senseless and ridiculous tales is not believed.

Sheriff Buck, looks well in print, has a pleasing sound to the ear and will be frequently heard throughout the county after Jan. 1, 1905.

A Great Number Pleased.

Mr. Scouten seems to think that the publication of the disbarment proceedings pleases Judge Dunham very much. Probably it does. It pleases a whole lot of other people too. In fact every lover of fair play. It does not please Scouten because it shows his "holler" about unfair treatment is all moonshine. Judge Dunham said if Scouten would conduct himself properly long enough to show he was sincere, he would reinstate him upon his making the application. No application has ever been made and Scouten has spent his whole time in scandalous and false attacks against the living and dead members of the Sullivan county courts. Of course he does not like the publication of the truth told temperately and fairly. That is why he wriggles. All the advice we can offer him is to go on wriggling.

Cast your vote for F. W. Buck the deserving candidate for Sheriff.

ERROR CORRECTED.

There was a slight error in last week's issue of the News Item in printing the letter relative to the affidavit made by Manning Mathews. The signature to the letter was made to read "Jennie" Mathews instead of "Jerome" Mathews. As the Herald may attempt to make some campaign thunder out of the error of the type and accuse us of printing a letter not in existence, or of forging a signature, or some equally criminal act, we again give space to the letter and the affidavit.

All that we said last week as to the honorable course of the writer or the letter in informing the public of the facts in the case, we desire to reassert. And we are confident that the letter will lose none of its force with the voters of the county from the fact that its writer is the son instead of the daughter of Manning Mathews. The fact remains that the affidavit obtained by Mr. Scouten was procured under circumstances and by methods that a recondemned by all right thinking persons.

State of Pennsylvania,)
County of Sullivan,) ss.

E. M. Dunham being duly sworn says, that he has read the affidavit published in the Sullivan Herald of September 21, 1904, purporting to be made by M. F. Mathews relative to the prosecution against John G. Scouten for obtaining an assignment of a judgement by false pretenses, commenced by Joseph S. Molyneux. That he was employed in the case mentioned, having been employed the same as in any case by a client. That he never went to see Joseph S. Molyneux to induce him to bring the prosecution and never agreed to save said Molyneux from costs or agreed to pay any costs and never signed any agreement to that effect. That he has never paid any of the costs in the case, nor has he been asked to do so. And no one ever hinted to him he was under any obligation to do so. In fact, that he had nothing whatever to do with the case, except help to try it the same as other cases. That the costs were equally divided between the prosecutor and John G. Scouten defendant.

E. M. Dunham.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 27th day of September 1904.

Thos. E. Kennedy, Prothy.
Campbellsville, Pa.,
Oct. 24, 1904.

Mr. E. M. Dunham,
Dear Sir:—

About one year ago Mr. Scouten got a sworn statement from Father in regard to you for what happened fifteen or eighteen years ago. Since Father has been sick for the last two years, his memory is impaired and I have been obliged to take charge of his business matters, and I thought it my duty to let you know, since you swore in direct opposition to him.

I do not wish to see Father wronged, nor you.

You can publish this if you see fit and let the voters draw their own conclusions.

Respectfully Yours,
Jerome Mathews.

Always Clean and Fair.

The campaign in this county and district is rapidly drawing to a close. It has been the policy of this paper to studiously avoid anything in the nature of mud slinging or abuse. In contrast with the course we have pursued in this matter we call the attention of the voters of this county in the course pursued by the Sullivan Herald, Mr. Scouten's organ. In every issue of his paper since the opening of the campaign, the columns of his paper have been filled with stories as false as they are ridiculous. Every candidate whose election we have advocated has been made a target for the most vituperative and shameful personal abuse that could be heaped upon him. Almost every crime known to the common law has been openly and wantonly charged against the candidates he opposes.

Voters beware of further stories of this character, that may appear in the last issue of Scouten's paper, to be sent out too late for us to answer. We believe the time is past in the history of Sullivan County, if there ever was a time, when voters will willingly become the dupes and tools of demagogues and character assassins.

Hon. Edwin M. Dunham.

Since the middle of the last century, the lawyer has been a prominent factor in all affairs of private concern and public importance. He has been depended upon to conserve the best and permanent interests of the people and is a recognized power in all the avenues of activity in the business world. He stands as the protector of the rights and liberties of his fellow men and is the representative of a profession whose followers, if they would gain honor, fame and success, must be men of honor, fairness and ability. Such a one is the subject of this sketch, who for the past ten years has presided over the courts of Sullivan and Wyoming counties and has won the highest commendation from all sections of northern Pennsylvania by his fair, manly and impartial administration of justice.

Judge Dunham has spent almost his entire life in this county. He was the youngest of three brothers, the only one now living, one having died in early manhood and the other having given his life to his country upon one of the battlefields of the Civil war. When but seventeen years of age he was left by the sudden death of his father, to make his own way in the world by his own labors unaided by aught save willing hands, a strong and vigorous mind and an honest and upright character. But he made good use of every opportunity. He worked and studied with zeal and determination. He looked confidently to the future and used all his time and energy in preparing himself for a useful career. Having acquired proficiency as a scholar he took up the work of teaching and for several years was successfully engaged as an instructor in the public schools. Having decided to enter the legal profession, he used his vacations and such spare time as he could take from other duties in preparing himself for his chosen work. In 1866 he was admitted to the Sullivan county bar and until his elevation to the bench in 1894 he was actively engaged in the practice of his profession. As a lawyer he has had a remarkably successful career, having acquired a reputation for legal learning and skill that but few attorneys in this section of the state possess.

His election in the fall of 1904 as President Judge of this district, was due to his high reputation as a man of the strictest integrity, with a high sense of honor and a past career characterized by a course of justice to all and malice toward none. His course upon the bench has proven him a model judge. He possesses a mind free from bias and he brings to his work a thorough knowledge of the law and of human nature and a calm judicial mind. He performs his difficult duties conscientiously and fearlessly and all who have business in the courts know and feel that he can always be depended upon to follow the law and the dictates of sound judgment and an approving conscience.

As a citizen, a neighbor and a friend, Judge Dunham stands without a peer. Possessed of a cheerful and sunny disposition, he is the sort of man people like to meet and associate with. He has a kind word for everybody and is never too busy for a hearty hand shake and a pleasant greeting. Few men enjoy a good story or a bit of witticism better than the Judge and during all these years of labor and service, has not lost his ability to look upon the bright side of life and thus carry pleasure and sunshine wherever he may go.

Judge Dunham's life abounds in good deeds and kindly acts to his fellowmen. He has a warm heart and no one in distress has ever been turned away when it was within his power so help. He is not the sort of man to proclaim his goodness from the house-tops. In fact he takes the utmost precaution to see that what he does in this way is not done "to be seen of men". But his kindness and consideration are commensurate with his acquaintance and the people have

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