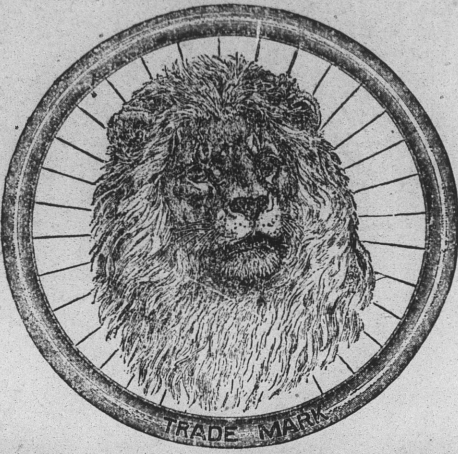


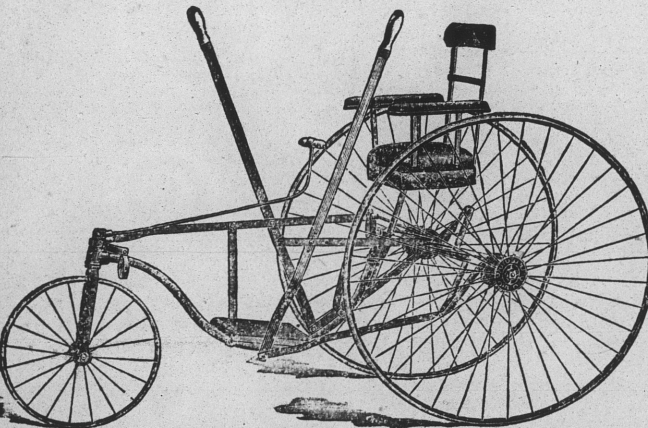
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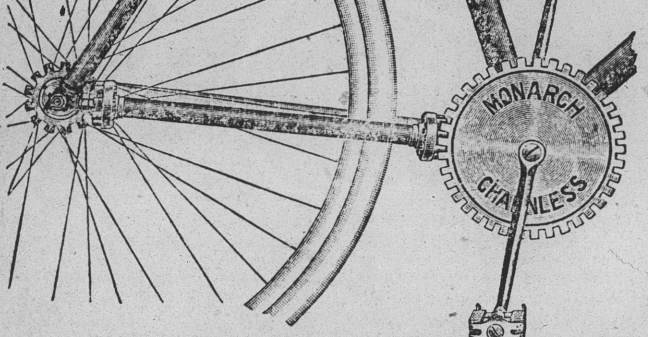


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In their indiscriminate haste to announce the making of chainless wheels, some manufacturers have tumbled over each other in the endeavor to be in front. To be in front is a spasm, to "keep in front" is sustained energy. To utter a truism is one thing, to live up to it is another.

The spirit of the aphorism of the Monarch Cycle Manufacturing Company, "Ride a Monarch and Keep in Front," is well illustrated in its latest product, The Monarch Chainless. Alive to the times, the company will produce a chainless bicycle which has been proven by repeated tests to be superior in its class in every particular.

Two surfaces that will roll on each other will transmit motion from one to the other. If the surfaces are comparatively smooth, the motion is transmitted by friction. But, when the surfaces are provided with projections, the motion, although it is unchanged in nature, is transmitted by direct pressure, and it is irregular unless the acting surfaces of the projections are carefully and exactly shaped to produce an even motion. It is the difficulty which is experienced to produce these perfect projections, when bevel gears are used, which leads the experienced mechanic away from them. Long experience in Sewing Machine manufacture has taught the Monarch Company that whatever transmission was used, bevel gears were not to be considered if easy running was to be thought of. The results has been a driving gear which is excellent in its easy running qualities.

The mechanism is simple. The crank axle and hub gears somewhat resemble the familiar sprocket wheel, the noticeable difference being the teeth which are closer together and of a shape in cross section instead of four sided. The shaft connecting the two is provided at each end with a minor having roller pin teeth which run in and out of the wide open openings between the gear teeth. Each set of gears is enclosed

but should they from any cause be exposed the action of the pin teeth is such that they are self-cleaning, forcing mud and dirt out from between the teeth. One of the chief objections urged against chainless wheels by mechanics is that should the rear frame become twisted or out of line, there would be a consequent binding of the mating gears. The Monarch chainless is entirely free from this objection inasmuch that the junction of the pinions and gears form a type of the ball and socket joint, thereby permitting free running under the conditions usually met with in bicycle riding. A particular advantage which this gear has, and which gives it the highest efficiency, is the direct lift as against the end thrust which is common to all bevel gearing. This end thrust is a prominent factor in friction and frame strain.

Another point to be counted in favor of the Monarch gear is, that it is not of delicate construction although comparatively light in weight. As stated by Grant, the well known authority on gears, "The pin gears particularly valuable when the pins are made in the form of rollers for then the minimum of friction is reached." The friction between the tooth and pin, otherwise a sliding friction at a line bearing is, with a roller pin, a rolling friction. When properly made, there is no form of tooth that is superior to the roller pin tooth.

While the Monarch company is warranted from the study of experts in placing its chainless machine on the market as the best type of that class, its faith in the chain wheel is in no way diminished. It will continue to keep them in the forward ranks of that type of bicycle which is yet the choice of the majority of the people. In line with the general policy of the Monarch company, the price of its chainless will be \$100.00, which will give a complete line, including chain machines, ranging from this price to \$40.00.

Annual Statement.

Receipts and expenditures of the Commissioners of Somerset county for the fiscal year ending January 1, 1898. Wm. Winters, treasurer of Somerset county, Penna., in account with the county of Somerset.

Receipts.—Dr. Taxes received from the Collectors of State, County and Dog Rates for the years 1898, 91 to 97 inclusive.

DISTRICTS.	Yr. County.	State.	Dog.
Stoneyreck	1889	\$ 225 57	\$
Northampton	1891	62	
Jennertown	1892	16 25	
Northampton	1893	215 00	
Somerset twp.	45 71		
Addison	1894		124 02
Adls.			2 94
Shade		22 17	
Black	1895	2 38	
Brothersvalley		100 00	
Conemaugh		17 70	
Elk Lick		112 44	21 31
Fair Hope		140 04	30 68
Lower Turkeyft		15 00	23 49
Northampton		25 00	13 10
Salisbury		27 64	30 63
Shade		385 92	61 18
Somerset boro.		385 53	163 66
Somerset twp.		4 92	33 5 85
Summit		50 54	29 02
Wellsburg		6 03	15 70
Ursina		184 57	57 88
Addison	1896	55 00	
Allegany		72 98	4 14
Benson		245 00	38 52
Berlin		670 00	226 00
Brothersvalley		37 54	11 19
Casselman		100 00	20 00
Conemaugh		90 85	11 19
Confiance		800 00	25 00
Elk Lick		188 07	61 18
Fair Hope		40 00	68 50
Greenville		152 88	8 45
Hooversville		257 00	1 42
Jennertown		58 07	79 1 75
Jenner		790 82	2 21
Larimer		158 92	11 40
Lancaster		148 29	12 00
Lower Turkeyft		324 00	17 48
Meyersdale		307 00	50 00
Middlebrook		180 00	4 96
Milford		619 67	7 38
New Baltimore		80 00	13 65
New Centre		257 00	18 90
Northampton		285 00	18 90
Ogle		20 00	30 00
Quemahoning		581 97	37 45
Rockwood		117 52	21 31
Salisbury		284 00	21 00
Somerfield		2 00	35 84
Somerset boro.		70 00	20 25
Somerset twp.		1313 96	95 23
Southampton		218 18	16 67
Stoneyreck		808 02	38 50
Stoytown		40 15	64 15
Summit		402 44	64 48
Upper Turkeyft		154 71	1 39
Ursina		92 00	21 00
Wellsburg		58 01	14 94
Addison	1897	1068 49	152 60
Allegany		556 24	15 84
Benson		152 65	38 05
Berlin		867 90	206 79
Black		474 50	37 05
Brothersvalley		2400 00	100 00
Casselman		38 40	
Conemaugh		2101 25	583 54
Confiance		904 97	49 70
Elk Lick		2208 92	200 00
Fair Hope		140 45	14 50
Greenville		428 47	21 30
Hooversville		176 50	
Jennertown		1184 54	73 19
Jenner		2504 66	289 00
Larimer		357 49	60 25
Lancaster		891 91	121 46
Lower Turkeyft		455 67	
Meyersdale		1200 05	251 32
Middlebrook		885 40	49 88
Milford		1251 12	92 50
New Baltimore		50 00	10 00
New Centre		130 00	15 00
Northampton		382 61	11 95
Paint		1279 63	300 00
Quemahoning		1494 13	45 00
Rockwood		100 00	7 00
Salisbury		184 88	172 07
Shade		1010 79	63 13
Somerfield		257 00	15 05
Somerset boro.		1772 05	1485 00
Somerset twp.		3000 00	500 00
Southampton		275 00	20 00
Stoneyreck		1782 95	248 00
Stoytown		171 94	68 54
Summit		1062 42	33 30
Upper Turkeyft		148 50	26 78
Ursina		58 35	8 97
Wellsburg			

Total tax rec'd 1897, \$48220 95 \$8154 92 \$2745 20
 State tax bro't over, 2745 20
 Dog

Grand total, \$50127 07 \$50127 07
 Commissioners' Ledger, Dr. viz:
 Borrowed money, Proceeds, Com-
 missioners' sales, Unsettled lands,
 Redemptions, Etc., 8454 71
 County's share liquor licenses, 735 00

Total receipts from all sources for year 1897, \$88756 78

Expenditures.—Cr. By amounts paid on orders, as follows:

Salaries	\$ 289 55
Records	4759 12
Jurors' pay	83 25
Jail physician	448 95
Viewers' pay	6272 00
*New Bridges	4913 86
Assessors' pay	8000 00
Sheriff's bill	400 00
Fire insurance	287 00
Overpaid taxes	63 02
Attorney's fees	200 00
Tax on indebtedness	63 25
Election expenses	2470 63
Auditing public accounts	18 00
Western penitentiary	934 12
Miner's medical attendance	50 00
Commonwealth costs	3266 52
Computation court	8 00
New probatory's vault	1800 00
County teachers' institute	200 00
County auditors' pay	252 00
County auditors' clerk	55 00
Bal. expenses County Home	7505 00
Soldiers' burial expenses	215 00
Jury commissioners' pay	211 04
Commissioners' clerk	1000 00
Sheep damages	793 05
Road damages	855 00
Register and Recorder's fees	309 05
Prothonotary's fees	885 39
District Attorney's fees	437 00
Constables' returns	742 90
Court stenographer	1108 15
Court crier and Hptstaves	577 00
Light, fuel and water	721 82
Court house and jail expenses	333 85
Stationery, books and postage	277 03
Maintenance—Dixmont	692 20
" Harrisburg	113 75
" Wernersville	65 14
" Morgantown	322 53
" Huntingdon	56 47
Court house and jail repairs	541 14
Court house janitor	65 00
Court house and jail fireman	225 00
Printing and advertising	1009 65
Jurors' meals and lodging	174 20
Borrowed money and interest	5571 67
Treasurer's fees—E. E. Pugh	747 94
Money refunded—unsettled lands	34 86
Reward, arrest and conviction—Roddys	200 00
Bridge repairs	33 00
Com's salary—Kimmel	1036 00
" —Kretchman	952 00
Com's trav'g exps.—Kimmel	16 03
" —Good	18 10
" —Kretchm'n	34 44

Total amount paid on orders \$6114 03
 Treasurer's commission (2 per cent) on county orders, 1122 28
 Balance due treasurer on the redemption of unsettled lands from individual

purchasers 8 50
 Balance tax on unsettled lands received and overpaid by treasurer in 1897 1134 21
 Total expenditures \$ 58370 41
 Balance in county treasury, unexpended \$ 9937 37

Financial Condition of Somerset County.

Liabilities.
 Bonded indebtedness \$ 4500 00
 Current indebtedness, outstanding orders, &c. 11550 21
 To amount due State of Pennsylvania, net 2051 95

Total indebtedness of the county \$ 18111 16
 Outstanding tax due county \$ 18412 50
 Balance in county treasurer's hands 9937 37

Total assets \$ 28400 90
 Assets in excess of liabilities 10289 90

*NOTE.—In the item of new bridges \$1250 was paid for the bridge at Williams' Station. The remaining amount was paid on bridges contracted for by our predecessors.

REMARKS.

It has come to pass that the majority of the board of County Auditors has filed with the annual report of that body a rigmorale of so-called objections to the methods of doing business in the Commissioners' office. A whole week of the valuable time of these official nonentities was consumed in the formulation of this lying, slanderous and malicious trade against the Commissioners' office. Political imbeciles, who are without mind or stamina of their own, should never be elevated to important and responsible public positions. Furthermore, the present board of County Commissioners has been uselessly surcharged \$202.00, interest on money that was necessarily borrowed to meet the current expenses of the county, without reason or excuse for such surcharge, and without citing any law to sustain their reckless exercise of the surcharging privilege. This action will serve only to increase the expenses of the county by litigation that will necessarily follow to show these bumptious Auditors their inexcusable folly. Public accounts are always the legitimate subjects for correction and honest investigation; but they must not be contorted for the manufacture of political capital for any political faction.

But this is not all. The report of the County Auditors held in the Prothonotary's office is in itself a mass of errors and bunglings that would shame a school-boy to be its unhappy author. On page 3 of the said Auditors' Report the total receipts by the County Treasurer of State taxes for the years prior to 1897 is calculated to be \$1,038,84, when in fact the amount thereof is \$1,938.64. An error in favor of said County Treasurer of \$899.80. On page 5 of said Auditors' Report there is an error of calculation in the grand total of taxes received by the County Treasurer amounting to \$50.03 in favor of the said County Treasurer. On page 7 of the aforesaid report the Auditors have bungled the "total receipts for orders paid," which is unintelligible, to say the least. On the same page the Auditors strike their balance thus: "Balance due Wm. Winters, Esq., County Treasurer, \$9,047.52." The true balance is \$9,047.37, but this balance is not "due to Wm. Winters, Esq., Co. Treas.," but is due to the county of Somerset from Wm. Winters, treasurer. The apparent shortage of \$949.81 in the credit to County Treasurer Winters is nevertheless liberally made up to that officer by placing in his credit the entire balance in his hands belonging to the county of Somerset, by which that worthy officer would gain, by the Auditors' Report, the magnificent gift of \$18,095.12, if the said report were previously correct; but the fact is that if this blundering piece of "auditing" were allowed to stand, County Treasurer Winters would actually gain \$19,044.73 by the new peculiar Bowman-Rhoads-Hileman system of "book-keeping" which those worthies would find impose upon the Commissioners' office.

Not even the surcharging which the Auditors have transcended their authority to inflict upon the County Commissioners has been correctly done. On order No. 522 Wm. P. Meyers, the Commissioners are surcharged with \$142.50, while the order itself calls for only \$59.50. Lastly, in reply to the Auditors' solemn "objections" and "interpositions" we might retort: "Before you attempt to regulate the methods of business in the Commissioners' office, you should learn to audit." But this would be base flattery, because such an admonition would imply that a majority of that body could ever learn to audit. It is only justice to County Auditor Sipe to mention that that gentleman signed the Auditors' report under a misapprehension of its contents, and that his signature thereto was obtained by resorting to misrepresentations that would do credit to a gang of bunco-steerers.

SOMERSET COUNTY SS:

We the undersigned Commissioners of the county of Somerset, do certify that the foregoing report exhibits a true and accurate account of the receipts and expenditures of the county of Somerset for the year ending January 3, 1898.

GEORGE F. KIMMEL,
 GABRIEL GOOD,
 L. A. KRETCHMAN,
 Commissioners.
 Attest—
 J. G. Emerit, Clerk.

Wholesale and Distillers' License Petitions.

I hereby certify that the following petitions for Wholesale and Distillers' License to sell liquors have been filed in the office of the county of Somerset, and that the same will be presented to the Court for disposition on

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1898.

Wholesale Petition.
 1 John Seymour, Paint township.
 Distillers' Petitions.
 1 John M. Topper, Allegheny Twp.
 2 Thomas Rees, Northampton Twp.
 3 H. H. Stahl and J. Summit Mt.
 4 John C. Beachley, Summit Mt.
 5 Simon P. Sycamore, Somerset Bor.
 Somerset, Pa., Feb. 3, 1898.
 H. F. BARRON, Clerk.

Outstanding Taxes.

Outstanding County, State and Dog Taxes of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, on the second day of January, 1898, due and owing by the Collectors of the several boroughs and townships in said county as follows:

Collectors.	Yr. County.	State.	Dogs.
H. E. Miller	1893	\$ 79 02	\$
E. E. Meyer		78	
Cyrus A. Yowler	1894	1 07	60
Cyrus A. Yowler	1895	6 30	24
Chas. A. Lehr		8 22	1 10
Edward Metz	1896	27 04	84
John Vambough		4 07	16 64
Edw. Livingd.		43 50	36 15
W. H. Fritz		23 23	48 59
Cyrus A. Yowler		14 34	2 06
Edw. Livingd.		201 82	40 33
E. C. Farmer		2 46	2 04
Wm. Leckemy		32 08	59 62
F. G. Goller		22 35	21 22
N. R. Poorbaugh		167 14	18 00
Chas. Lehr		40 77	2 18
John Vambough		107 14	34 48
Jesse Wilkins	1897	106 26	301 22
John McVicker		245 26	23 79
Frederick Boder		18 83	4 45
Frank Hoffer		41 89	3 89
P. G. Weimer		252 86	8 36
Wm. H. Fritz		302 20	250 10
Wm. H. Fritz		266 20	40 63
James Maust		363 67	249 20
David Baker		175 44	4 07
A. J. Stoner		109 08	48 01
Isaac Ankeny		131 88	12 42
Fred. H. Shaulis		180 65	15 32
W. J. Peterson		8 72	3 99
Thos. Gallagher		606 16	95 72
John J. Barr		141 14	29 07
John J. Barr		203 36	15 11
W. E. Moon		304 88	28 85
Wm. Leckemy		830 36	29 63
John F. Henry		152 63	21 00
J. H. Schrock		559 13	19 14
J. H. Poller		87 37	16 10
Samuel Bittner		20 97	44 83
Sam. Shoem'kr		323 63</	