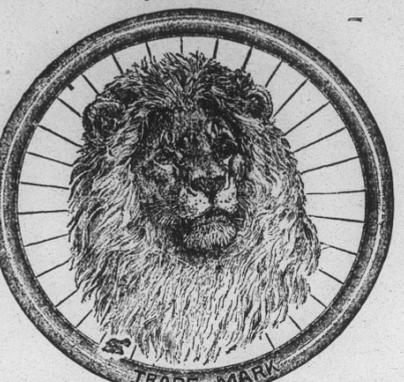
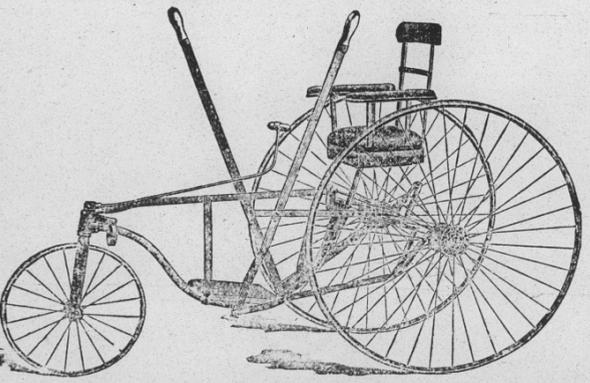


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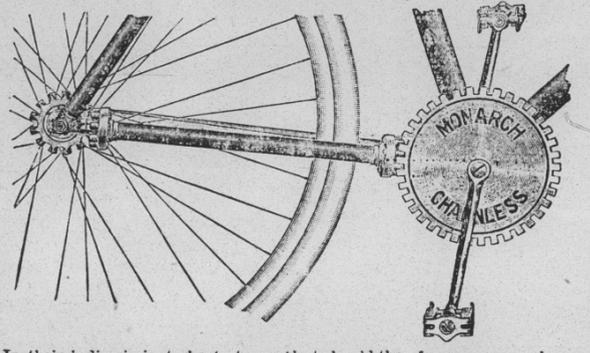
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In their indiscriminate haste to announce the making of chainless wheels, some manufacturers have tumbled over each other in the endeavor to be in front. To be in front is a spasm, to "keep in front" is sustained energy. To utter a truism is one thing, 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 by 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 result 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 wheels, the noticeable difference being the teeth which are closer together and v shape in cross section instead of four sided. The shaft connecting the two is provided at each end with a pinion having roller pin teeth which run in and out of the wide angle 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 gear is 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 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, Penn'a, in account with the county of Somerset.

**Receipts.—Dr.**

Taxes received from the Collectors of State, County and Dog Rates for the years 1897, '91 to '97 inclusive.

DISTRICTS.	Yr.	County.	State.	Dog.
Stoney Creek	1897	\$ 225.57		
Northampton	1897	42		
Jennertown	1897	10.45		
Northampton	1898	215.00		
Somerset Twp.		45.71		
Addison	1894		124.02	
Ogle			2.94	3.40
Shade		22.17		
Black	1895	2.33		
Brothersville		100.00		
Coneaugh		17.70		
Elk Lick		112.44	21.31	100.10
Fair Hope		3.72	16.25	15.13
Lower Turkey Pt		149.04	30.68	48.00
Northampton		28.19	20.75	
Ogle		15.00		
Salisbury		25.00	20.00	13.10
Shade		22.54	30.61	39.40
Somerset boro.		367.84	61.18	63.65
Somerset Twp.		335.58	163.56	123.15
Southampton		212.44	16.37	31.85
Summit		50.54	23.62	5.35
Wellersburg		6.03	15.70	7.35
Ursina		6.03	15.70	7.35
Addison	1893	321.57	57.83	66.72
Allegheny		215.00		15.00
Benson		55.00		
Berlin		72.96	4.14	3.70
Black		245.31	33	32.75
Brothersville		670.00	226.00	50.00
Casselman		212.44		
Coneaugh		17.70		
Confidence		40.85	11.19	19.35
Elk Lick		182.64	30.61	39.40
Fair Hope		87.00	10.00	4.96
Greenville		40.00	68.50	38.50
Howersville		17.70		
Jefferson		188.07	1.42	5.00
Jennertown		55.07	7.9	1.75
Larimer		212.44	2.24	4.00
Larimer		158.02	11.10	41.40
Lincoln		114.39		12.00
Lower Turkey Pt		325.00	17.48	41.00
Meyersdale		297.00	50.00	40.00
Middle Creek		137.21	33.41	8.32
Milford		619.00	7.83	37.32
New Baltimore		87.68	13.65	2.55
New Centerville		285.00	18.99	10.00
Ogle		17.00		
Palatka		250.70	37.45	70.90
Quemahoning		381.97		33.10
Salisbury		45.85	212.31	33.25
Shade		284.50		21.00
Somerset boro.		72.96	323.89	26.25
Somerset Twp.		181.36	95.23	63.95
Southampton		52.40	15.84	3.60
Stoney Creek		70.28	323.89	26.25
Stoytown		40.13	5.65	9.05
Summit		212.44	2.24	4.00
Upper Turkey Pt		154.71	1.39	21.95
Ursina		92.33	23.67	10.29
Wellersburg		181.83	14.94	14.94
Addison	1897	1083.49	152.60	54.50
Allegheny		55.24	55.84	27.00
Benson		172.63	28.35	
Berlin		87.89	206.79	16.29
Black		474.39	37.06	34.35
Brothersville		2,000.00	100.00	100.00
Casselman		33		
Coneaugh		2,010.20	583.24	136.52
Confidence		604.97	49.70	14.00
Elk Lick		2,288.92	269.00	102.65
Fair Hope		140.53	14.80	13.65
Greenville		438.47	21.30	15.13
Howersville		17.00		
Jefferson		1,134.54	73.19	36.60
Jennertown		105.52	50.15	27.00
Larimer		2,540.00	260.00	80.53
Larimer		1,057.49	50.25	30.00
Lincoln		381.91	121.70	46.20
Lower Turkey Pt		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Meyersdale		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Middle Creek		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Milford		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
New Baltimore		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
New Centerville		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Northampton		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Ogle		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Palatka		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Quemahoning		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Rockwood		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Salisbury		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Shade		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Somerset boro.		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Somerset Twp.		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Southampton		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Stoney Creek		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Stoytown		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Summit		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Upper Turkey Pt		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Ursina		1,231.12	149.08	46.00
Wellersburg		1,231.12	149.08	46.00

Total tax rec'd—1897, \$482,295.95  
State tax rec'd over, 8154.92  
Dog " " " " 2745.20

Grand total, \$509,270.77  
Commissioners' Ledger, Dr. viz:  
County's share liquor licenses, 8454.71  
County's share liquor licenses, 736.00

Total receipts from all sources for year 1897, \$509,270.77

**Expenditures.—Cr.**

By amounts paid on orders as follows:	
Scalps	\$ 374.95
Records	289.59
Jurors' pay	4759.12
Jail physician	83.25
Jewelry pay	445.05
New Bridges	6272.00
Assessors' pay	4013.86
Sheriff's bill	800.00
Fire insurance	287.00
Overpaid taxes	63.02
Attorney's fees	200.00
Tax on indebtedness	68.35
Election expenses	2470.63
Auditing public accounts	18.00
Western penitentiary	934.12
Commonwealth costs	50.00
Miner's medical tendance	8.00
Computation court	1800.00
New prothonotary's vault	200.00
County teachers' institute	252.00
County auditors' pay	55.00
Bal. expenses County Home	7868.11
Soldiers' burial expenses	215.00
Jury commissioners' pay	211.04
Commissioners' clerk	1000.00
Sheep damages	793.05
Register and Recorder's fees	300.05
Prothonotary's fees	685.39
District Attorney's fees	437.00
Constables' returns	742.00
Court stenographer	1108.15
Court crier and tipstaves	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	174.30
Borrowed money and interest	5571.67
Treasurer's fees—E. E. Pugh	747.04
Money refunded—unseated lands	34.86
Reward, arrest and conviction—Roddys	200.00
Bridge repairs	33.00
Com's salary—Kimmel	955.50
" " " " Good	1038.00
" " " " Kretchman	952.00
Com's trav'g exp's—Kimmel	16.03
" " " " Good	13.10
" " " " Kretchman	34.44
Total amount paid on orders	\$ 56114.03
Treasurer's commission (2 per cent) on county orders	1122.28
Balance due treasurer on the redemptions unseated lands from individual	

8 89  
purchasers.....  
Balance tax on unseated lands received and overpaid by treasurer in 1897..... 1134 21

Total expenditures..... \$ 58379 41  
Balance in county treasury, unexpended..... \$ 9997 37

**Financial Condition of Somerset County.**

**Liabilities.**

Bonded indebtedness..... \$ 4500 00  
Current indebtedness, outstanding orders, &c..... 11559 21  
To amount due State of Pennsylvania, net..... 2061 95  
Total indebtedness of the county..... \$ 18111 16

**Assets.**

Outstanding tax due county..... \$ 18412 50  
Balance in county treasurer's hands..... 9997 37  
Total assets..... \$ 28409 96  
Assets in excess of liabilities 10298 90

\*NOTE.—In the item of new bridges \$1250 was paid for the bridge at Walliams' 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 rignmarole 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 tirade 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 \$202.03, 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 correct 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 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, \$9,047.56." The true balance is \$9,297.37; 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 to 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 munificent 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-Kretchman system of "book-keeping," which those worthies would vainly 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 \$59.59. 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. Emert, Clerk.

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**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. Dog.**

H. E. Miller	1893	\$ 79.02		
E. E. Meyers		78		
Cyrus A. Yowler	1894	21	1	60
Cyrus A. Yowler	1895	6.80	1.07	6.00
Chas. A. Lohr		8.22	1.10	16.00
Edward Metz	1896	27.04	8.6	17.68
Joe Wambaugh		6.97	16.66	32.15
A. E. Cassler		63.59	34.16	8.00
W. H. Fritz		29.23	48.50	68.15
Cyrus A. Yowler		14.94	2.04	4.00
Elijah Living'd		201.82	40.35	