

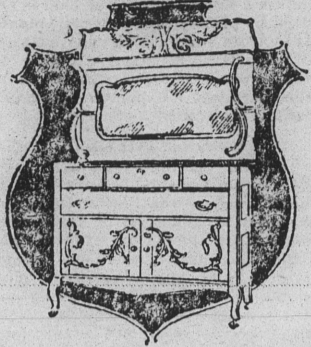


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Cold Facts For Tax-Payers.

Bold Attempt to Drain the County Treasury. "Stop-Thief" Cry Raised to Detract the People's Attention From the Dirtiest Plot Ever Undertaken by County Newspapers. How Political Leeches Have Been Fleecing Somerset County. Cold Facts for Thoughtful Men.

SOMERSET, PA., March 5th, 1898.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR.

MR. EDITOR:—The Somerset Herald and the Meyersdale Commercial have at different intervals during the past several years made some very personal and unjust attacks on certain members of the board of County Commissioners, and to those who do not know the cause of their venomous attacks their strictures may be received with some consideration. The writer is in position to know some of the inside facts, and in order that the public may know why the sight of certain Commissioners makes the blood of the Scullions grow hot, I shall state them.

WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

One objection to the County Commissioners is that they do not give the Herald all of the public printing at their own prices, as some of the former boards did. It is not because they do not get their share, for reference to an auditors' statement, alleged to have been made by B. J. Bowman, et al., it will be seen that the Commissioners paid the Herald \$83.25 more for printing during the year 1897 than to any other paper.

THE REAL CAUSE.

The real cause of these cowardly attacks began in 1896, when Edward Hoover was sheriff. George R. Scull was his attorney and was an opportunity, for that coterie of public beneficiaries to make one final grab out of the public funds. The Sheriff authorized the publication of the election proclamation in three of the county papers. Here is where "Timmie" took the cue. Notwithstanding the opinion handed down by the Attorney General of this state to the contrary, "Timmie," as Hoover's attorney, advised its publication to be as near as possible the form in which it appeared on the official ballots later.

Many farmers, to whom the Herald and its Meyersdale mouthpiece are now whining about reform, will recall that the said proclamation was padded to such an extent that it would have covered an ordinary barn door; yet few realized that the county would be called upon to pay a price for its printing sufficient to build a barn. The proclamation was put in type at the Herald office and in order that all would have the same number of inches in the advertisement, the Commercial was made the size of the other two papers in which it appeared, and for two weeks was printed from the press of the Scullpaper at Somerset. After its publication the three papers presented a bill of \$567.00 each, or a total of \$1,701.00, to the board of County Commissioners—Shober, Barnett and Hay—who refused to grant an order for its payment, because it was outrageously excessive. The bills were presented to the present board of Commissioners, and they also have refused to pay it for a like reason. Today there is a suit pending, brought by Lou A. Smith, against the Commissioners, which is intended to make them pay out of the county treasury, the enormous sum of \$1,701.00 for a single item of printing, and thereby put an additional expense on the county for litigation. Talk of reform! Talk of a cleaning-up process!

SOMETHING FROM OTHER COUNTIES.

The foregoing is a true and correct statement of the facts in the case, and the writer will leave it to the judgment of the reader, in view of what follows, as to whether the accounts asked for by these alleged reformers is anything short of robbery. In Bedford county the proclamation, for the same election, was printed in four papers at a total cost of \$800, and according to the Everett Republican their Commissioners objected to paying that. I have not learned what was paid for publishing the proclamation in the other surrounding counties, but do know that the space occupied by each of the three Somerset county papers was in excess of the papers named below, which had the following number of inches: Cambria Herald, 101; Johnstown Tribune, 62½; Connellsville Courier, 187; Altoona News, 52; Monongahela Republican, 194. There are many others that might be mentioned, but this is sufficient to show how the proclamation was padded in this county. It must be remembered, too, that the proclamations proper in the other counties were longer by reason

of having a greater number of voting precincts. I have also learned the total prices paid for the same proclamation by several other counties which are as follows:

COUNTIES.	NO. PAPERS.	AMOUNT.
Lebanon	5	\$ 250
McKean	3	287
Mifflin	3	300
Northampton	3	150
Venango	3	300
Warren	3	351
Washington	3	350
Wayne	3	350
Erie	3	337

NIPPED IN THE BUD BY SHERIFF HARTZELL.

In 1897, when it came to the publishing of the election proclamation, the same question of form was again raised. "Timmie" Scull was no longer Sheriff's counsel, but he pleaded vigorously for the blanket form used in the Hoover administration. Sheriff Hartzell, with a just regard for the law, promptly placed his veto on that proposition and the proclamation was printed for \$43.50 per paper. Contrast if you please, taxpayer, the difference between \$43.50 and \$567.00.

The Auditors' report for 1897 shows that the total of the county's printing bills for that year is \$891.35 less than the single election proclamation grab engineered by avaricious "Timmie," who is now masquerading as a friend of the tax-payer.

A Challenge.

Does the Meyersdale Commercial still want to know why this county is not in as good a financial condition as Bedford county is in? Say, Lou, don't you think the outrageous bills for public printing that you and "Timmie" Scull have been presenting to the Commissioners have something to do with the case? Come off, old man, and tell the truth, just for luck. In Bedford county they have no "Lucifers" and "Timmies" to loot the county treasury, and that makes a mighty difference. Think of it, reader and taxpayer, Lou Smith and "Timmie" Scull each presented a bill of \$567 for printing the election proclamation in 1896, when the same year's proclamation was published in four Bedford county papers at a total cost of \$800. And worse than all, Lou Smith has the brazen-faced impudence to try to collect such an outrageous and unlawful bill by bringing suit against the Commissioners. Taxpayers, you are to "pay the fiddler" for all this high-handed robbery, yet the Scull organ at Somerset and its Meyersdale organette are prating of reform. Isn't their gall sublime? Can't you see the "nigger in the wood pile?" Demand of the Herald and the Commercial that they show up what they were paid for public printing during the last ten years. We will venture the assertion that the other Somerset county newspapers are not afraid to show up their bills, and in that way you can judge who are the real reformers and who the pretenders and treasury looters. The Herald and Commercial claim that the Commissioners have been making too much money out of the office. We don't know how much truth there is in the charge, as we do not know how much work is necessary in said office. But we do know that the Commissioners earned a good, fat salary when they sat down on that bill of \$1,101.00 for the printing of the election proclamation by the Herald, Commercial and Democrat, in 1896. According to what was paid in other counties for the same service, the trio of papers mentioned charged from \$1,000 to \$1,200 more than what would be a good stiff price for the job. Yes, let the Herald and Commercial show up their bills against the county for the last ten years. Then you will get your eyes opened and see at a glance why your taxes are so high. They are afraid to show up. We demand to produce their bills, stating what service they rendered for the amount charged on each bill. Will they do it? No! They are cowards and know that such a course will show them up in their true light and the people will see at a glance that their charge have been little short of robbery. They will prefer to keep up the howl against the Commissioners and write farmer letters in their editorial dens, and why? For two reasons: First, because they can't bleed the Commissioners any more. Second, because by paving the air it will detract public attention from their own rottenness.

Jeremiah Maurer Taffeyed.

We learn that ex-Representative Jeremiah Maurer, of Stoystown, who was so cruelly slaughtered in the house of his friends two years ago when he ran for the second term in the Assembly, will again be a candidate this year, though strenuous efforts are being made to keep him out of the race by interested parties. We doubt if there is as strong a man in the north of the county as ex-Representative Maurer. He may not be up to all the dirty tricks of the pot house breed of politicians, but he is strong in integrity, honest, and fearless in his advocacy of what he believes right, has had one term's experience and never brought the blush of shame to any constituent's cheek while he was our representative.

If Jeremiah Maurer will steer clear of both factions that are now inflicting untold harm on the Republican party, and be his own master, he will be nominated without a doubt. But he must mix with either.—Meyersdale Commercial.

Why! Isn't the above a great dose of slobber and taffy? Didn't Lou Smith help to slaughter Jeremiah Maurer? You bet he did. Wouldn't he help to do the same thing again if he had a chance? Most assuredly he would. It is all very true that Mr. Maurer never brought the blush of shame to any constituent's cheek while he was in office, but we have it on good authority that he will not be a candidate. His career was an honorable one because the Quay-Scull machine could not use him as a tool. But why does the Commercial eulogize him so highly? Simply to induce him to run again. And why does the Commercial desire to have him run again? For no other reason than to weaken the anti-Quay movement in this county, which would be the case if handicapped by too many candidates. The old Quay-Scull crowd will have two slated candidates in the field, and knowing that they can not win on a square fight, the Meyersdale Scull organette is instructed by its masters to assume a certain extent cry down both of the Republican factions of this county. By this means they are hoping to deceive the people and get such an array of candidates in the field that the two slated candidates will be able to pull through. "Lucifer's" middle-of-the-road policy is a humbug, a delusion and a snare. It is all put on to deceive; but it is not likely that Jeremiah Maurer can be caught with such chaff.

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About 100 new locomotives will be built at the Altoona shops, during the present year, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Other railroads throughout the country are also compelled to increase their motive power, in order to handle the increasing freight and passenger traffic. Yet there are a few Democratic newspapers proclaiming to the world that there is no increased prosperity in sight for the United States.

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attorney of Somerset county for three years, as prothonotary and clerk of the courts for three years, and represented his district as a member of the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Congresses. In his personal character he commands the respect and confidence of those who know him best. If he shall be elected to the House at Harrisburg he will assume a foremost place in that body by force of his experience in public affairs, his intellectual ability and his probity of character. It is a fortunate thing for Somerset county that a man of the ability and high standing of Gen. Koontz is willing to accept a nomination and election to the Legislature, and it would be still more fortunate for the Commonwealth if men of his type could be elected to the General Assembly from every county. The State never needed the services of such men more than now, when its treasury is threatened with a deficit, a new capitol must be built and the multifarious interests of a Commonwealth that is an empire in extent should be considered by wise legislation. Gen. Koontz should be accorded a practically unanimous election, and a sufficient number of men of like caliber and character should be elected from other sections to be able to control the next Legislature and direct its policy.

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time ever arrives when we will have at least one woman in every school board, we will undoubtedly have better schools. Women are admirably adapted to looking after the needs of school children, and that they would attend to their duties far better than men in the same official capacity, is a fact that cannot be successfully disputed.

BOSS QUAY, Boss Tweed, Boss Gorman and Boss Platt have all in their time been "tarred with the same stick." Boss Tweed is dead for some years, and unless God forgave him, he is now in hades, toward which place Boss Quay is traveling as fast as the wheels of time can carry him along. To this, however, there is not so much objection; but the fact that Mr. Quay is trying to sink the whole slate of Pennsylvania into the bottomless pit along with himself, is what thousands of intelligent Pennsylvanians are objecting to.

Most people are of the opinion that most of the sugar used throughout the world is produced from cane, but such is not the case. Last year the world's product of sugar was 7,707,500 tons. Of this amount 4,900,000 tons was made from the sugar beet. The time will doubtless arrive when there will be more beet sugar made in the United States than there is now cane sugar made in Cuba and the other islands of the West Indies. The beet sugar industry should be encouraged in this country, as it would prove a great source of revenue to the western farmers.

There is room for some great reforms in some of the penitentiaries throughout the United States. Some of the modes of punishment are so horrible as to be almost beyond belief. A special committee of the Ohio Legislature has been investigating the method of water punishment practiced in the State penitentiary at Columbus. The prisoner guilty of infraction of rules is strapped in a bath tub and a stream of water is squirted into his face by means of a hose. As the prisoner gasps for breath the water is driven into his lungs, and it is said that on several occasions the prisoners have not recovered from the shock, and were taken to the hospital and from there to their coffins. Such modes of cruelty should not be tolerated in a civilized country. Criminals can be sufficiently punished without being tortured in such a barbarous, inhuman manner.

The daily newspapers tell us that Father Weber, a Roman Catholic priest, recently declared from the pulpit, at Rondout, New York, that in case of war between the United States and Spain, it would become the duty of Roman Catholics to fight on the side of Spain. For this treasonable utterance, Father Weber has been officially requested by his church to leave the diocese. The citizens should have required him to get off the earth. Any man, without regard to race, color, creed or anything else, who is guilty of such treasonable utterances following in the wake of the deplorable Maine disaster, ought to be tarred, feathered and strung up to the nearest tree. Father Connolly, secretary to Archbishop Corrigan, said that if Father Weber had belonged to the New York diocese instead of in the West, whence he came, he would have been subjected to sharp discipline.

In summing up the merits and demerits of the political parties, the Wathena (Kan.) Star puts it this way: "There are some thieves in the Republican party, more thieves in the Democratic party and most thieves in the Populist party. This Kansas paper then goes on and gives the following as proof that its theory is logical and correct: "There are most thieves in the populist party, because the thieves whom the Republicans and Democrats have kicked out have flocked to the Populist party. There are more thieves in the Democratic than in the Republican party, because the Democratic party shows itself willing to forsake every principle it ever founded and fuse with the Populists for a division of the spoils, thus becoming a *particeps criminis* with the thieves kicked out of the two old parties. And all who give their consent are equally guilty. An honest party will not sell its birthright for a mess of pottage, as the Democrats do. The Republican party, being a party that is followed by prosperity, is also followed by some who hope to gain by pilfering in its trail. Their number is so small, however, they can do but little harm, since they are not only watched closely by their own party, but the Democrats and Populists are so intent on showing that there are thieves in the Republican party that they raise a howl sufficient to startle the universe whenever anything looks suspicious. Therefore the Republican party can be trusted, while the fuseses can not."