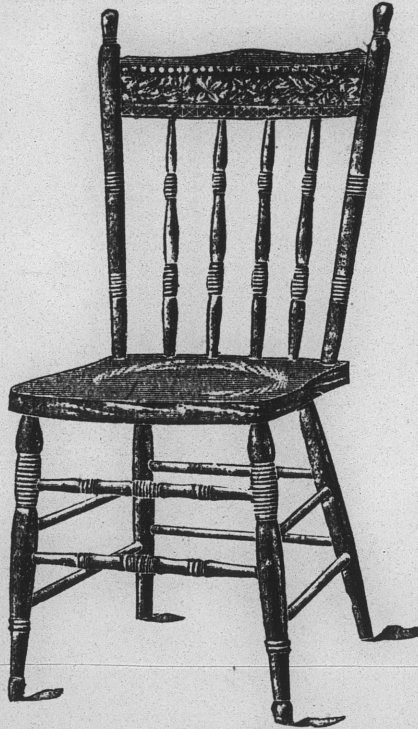




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NOW IT'S WAR.

Spain Must Fight or Get Out of Cuba at Once.

THE STAR feels safe in announcing to its readers that war is now regarded as a certainty. Both House and Senate have passed a resolution acknowledging the independence of Cuba, and at the time of our going to press (Wednesday evening) the daily papers have it that Spain has been given 48 hours to answer to the demands of the United States. If she refuses to evacuate Cuba, it is said that the war will immediately open with a blockade of Havana harbor. The President will ask Congress to authorize a call for 80,000 troops, the National Guard to be given the preference. In the meantime troops and munitions of war are being hurried to the Atlantic seaboard and there is little doubt that cannons will be booming before another week passes by. Spain continues defiant and says she will never consent to parting with Cuba. War, cruel war is all that can be reasonably looked for now.

SMOKED OUT.

The bold attempt of the Scull machine and its stuffed chairman to again choke off the primary, didn't work this time. The gang began to hear from the people to such an extent and in such tones as to make them tremble in their boots. The expose of the ring's dirty tactics made in last week's STAR, smoked them out of the dug-out and forced them to yield to the public demand. Chairman Berkley, the Scull cow-tail, has now given it out that the Republican primary election will be held on Saturday, May 28th. At the time of this writing he has accepted the announcement fee of R. E. Meyers for District Attorney, but first required him to testify that he had voted the Republican ticket, last fall, and further to sign a paper agreeing to pay, besides his announcement fee, such extra amount as the Chairman may require of him as necessary for election expenses. Chairman Berkley of course knew that Meyers voted the Republican ticket last fall, and that he always was a good, true Republican; but he had to show his reluctance in some way, and for that reason all this declaration business was required of Mr. Meyers. You see the gang hates to go before the people, and like all other drowning men, they are now grasping at straws and the merest technicalities. They will try to make it appear that every candidate's republicanism is of a doubtful nature, except those who do the bidding of the Sculls. It is an old dodge, however, and the people are not going to swallow the bait. They have learned to know just how crooked and rotten the old Scull ring is, and they have discovered that the best, the cleanest, the most uncompromising and brainiest Republicans in this county are against the Scull ring and its foul methods.

Just to show what kind of Republicans the Scull ring is made up of, we call attention to the fact that at the Somerset Borough Republican primary, in 1893, the Scull crowd put up and supported for Justice of the Peace, Solomon Uhl, a life-long and radical Democrat, to defeat Oliver Knepper, a life-long and staunch Republican. Of course they failed to elect their Democratic ally, but that did not discourage them. Two years later they made a contest for Town Council, but lacking sufficient strength to nominate their hirelings, they then became desperate and had J. D. Swank, one of their strongest men, put on the Democratic ticket. But in spite of their fusion with the common enemy, they were given a crushing defeat at the polls. And this is not all. After President McKinley succeeded Grover Cleveland in office, and the Sculls connived to dictate the patronage for this district, what did they do in the matter of the Pension Examining board? Dr. Louther, of Somerset, who is a life-long Republican, an old veteran of the Civil war, a man noted for his ability as a physician, and a man of high character and standing was an applicant for a position on said board. The Sculls had it in their power to get him the appointment; but did they do it? No! They had appointed in his stead a most radical and bitter Democrat, as all men in this county know. These are only a few of the disloyal acts of the Scull dynasty. We will give you more later on; but remember, first, last and all the time that they are a set of political leeches; that should be thoroughly and effectually eliminated from the body politic. All they ever did in the party was to grease their own pockets and malign, slander and abuse men who refused to bow to their corrupt and aristocratic will.

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The Scull ring, against the overwhelming sentiment of this district, gave a delegate vote in the National Republican convention, 1890, to Quay, instead of to McKinley, as the majority of our people demanded. "Timmie," how much did old Boss Quay give you for that vote?

"LUCIFER" seems, or rather pretends to think that anything produced on a farm near Meyersdale is all right. There is no denying of the fact that some grand men and women are brought up on farms, but it can also be truthfully added that lots of calves, even some in human form, are also the product of the farm.

Yes, "Lucifer," Pete reads your political notes with much interest. Why shouldn't he? It is very interesting to read the vapourings of an old jay like you, whose politics have been changing with the moon for these many years. It is interesting to note what really absurd stuff you publish at the dictation of the Sculls, who own you, soul and body. A fool of your stripe is always interesting and amusing.

It will be remembered by many of our readers how the Meyer's Commercial came out strongly for Joseph E. Thropp, for Congress, in a certain issue, in the fall of 1896. It will also be remembered how it throwed off on Thropp the week following and came out for Hicks. That is all the evidence anyone needs to be convinced of "Lucifer's" double dealing. He is as full of two-faced capers as a yellow dog is full of fleas.

If all of our wealthy men were as patriotic as John Wanamaker we could find no cause for complaint. He does not offer to lend his gold to the government at interest, while he goes to Europe during the fight, but offers to pay his men for going, give them a job if they come back, give them a pension if they don't, and to go to the front himself if necessary. That's the stuff of which true patriots are made. — Altoona Mirror.

The Scull ring has broken faith with the people of Somerset county, even turning down some of its followers; it has trampled on its promises, repudiated its contracts, laughed in the faces of its friends and disregarded its promises to the people. Its stuffed chairman announced that a primary election would be held, last spring, and its stuffed chairman afterward swore on the stand that he knew at the time he called the primary that it was to be called off. What do you think of such a rotten, corrupt and filthy gang? People are rapidly finding them out and the day of retribution is near at hand.

"LUCIFER" seems much elated over the fact that he has received some county printing from Treasurer Winters, and he says he's going to be good and not charge more than legal rates. That's right, dear "granny," but also see to it that you don't pad the job to such an enormous extent that you will have to have your paper printed on the Herald press, as you had to do when you and "Timmie" were engineering the election proclamation scandal, a few years ago. The Herald would hardly be able to help you out this time, on account of being so busy printing its usual campaign lies. The Scull organ has enough to do at present to hoe its own row and write editorials for its Meyersdale organette.

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service of a system dictated by a single boss for his own unlawful and destructive purposes. It has shackles upon the limbs of some citizens in this county who can no longer move, speak, act nor scarcely think except at the word of a self-centered charlatan. That is what ring system does. Under such system worth and manhood count for nothing. Under such a system a knave or a monkey may, by the accident of birth or chance, become like the weak and wicked Roman emperors, ascend over thousands of better men.

SOME figures just issued by the Statistician of the Department of Agriculture are of especial interest to farmers in that they show the great improvement in the price of all farm stock and farm products in the past year. "The farmers of the United States," he is quoted as saying, "have received something like \$130,000,000 more for their cereal crops than they did in 1892, and \$80,000,000 more than for those of any preceding year since 1892. The hay crop, notwithstanding it was the largest with one exception ever raised, commanded an increased price per ton; wool is higher, considerably higher than at any time since 1893; and all other products, with the exception of cotton, show a corresponding improvement over the condition of a year ago. The statistics relating to farm animals are still more significant. During 1897 the farm horses increased in value over \$25,000,000, the mules over \$6,000,000, the milch cows \$65,000,000, other cattle over \$104,000,000, sheep \$25,000,000, hogs over \$8,000,000, etc., making a total increase of farm stock of something like \$240,000,000. The statistics show that this remarkable increase in values is well distributed over the country, there being not a single state or territory which does not report marked improvement in live stock, as well as farming products. In the so-called mortgage-plastered states of Kansas and Nebraska, the value of farm animals increased during the year \$20,000,000 in the former, and over \$22,000,000 in the latter, the increase being 24 and 41 per cent. respectively.

The Scull ring has for many years manipulated the politics of Somerset county for the sole benefit of a single family—the Scull family. It has imposed upon the confidence of the people, and for selfish ends it has belied and traduced good republicans and good citizens. It has directed its malicious attacks against prominent and worthy leaders, who were republicans when the party was born; who fought for the party when it was weak and stood by it when it went through the blood and iron of the Civil war; whose lives are bound up and identified with republicanism, and whose political lives could breathe no other atmosphere. These men the said ring and the bosses of the said ring have wickedly, maliciously and feloniously assaulted with slanderous tooth and libellous fang. Furthermore, the said ring has deceived the people with artful words and false pretenses; it has pursued good men and good republicans with bitter hatred; it has maligned their motives and misrepresented their purposes; it has sought to drive from the party's ranks the best men and the most trusty leaders; it has fought with assassins' enmity every voice but the voice of its own subservient tools. The said ring established a political pull whereby the Scull family were enabled for many years to secure large contracts for public printing and supplies at the most exorbitant prices, and for all this the tax-payers have had to be fleeced, yea, worse than robbed. Are the people going to put up with a continuation of such outrageous, disgraceful and damnable methods? We think not.

THE editor of the concordia *Kansan*, who is married and therefore competent to speak, has a few suggestions to offer upon matrimony, as follows: "Young men who marry and do not turn out to be as good husbands as we expected are the subjects of frequent roasts by home writers. There are two sides to this matter, too. How many men are honest when the young man comes to ask for his daughter's hand? In hundreds of instances he ought to say: "See here, young fellow, May is a nice girl in many ways—in fact I like her pretty well, as she is my daughter. But the facts are that she doesn't know as much as a rabbit about the duties that will be required of her as your wife. She can't bake a loaf of bread to save her neck. She did try to bake a cake the other day, but it resulted in a matter of such weight that we could find but one use for it, and it is now at the front gate in use as a stile block. She made a total failure of the only job of washing she ever tried. My undergar-

ment came out of the effort to do something real in life in bad shape. The lower extremity of my undershirt lacks about a foot of reaching the upper extremity of my drawers; I feel like I had been parsed amidship and looked like the new breed of belted cattle that you see at a county fair. Of course she can thump a piano—but you haven't got any any and neither of you can buy one nor are you likely to for ten years to come. If either she or you, or both should depend on her ability to cook to satisfy your hunger, you'll both have your feet under my table to enjoy ma's cooking again. Young man, May is all 'O K' as a bay-window geranium, but as a wife of a poor man she isn't worth the powder on her face." Now, if all fathers should make that sort of a speech when the case justifies it, there would be less cases in the divorce courts than there is now.

The Carlists in Spain.

Civil war in Spain need excite no surprise. The Carlists are taking advantage of the distressed condition of affairs there to make another struggle for the crown, and with the unpopularity of the queen, who is an Austrian, and the added dislike that will follow her if she submits to the demands of the United States, the Carlist presents himself in the guise of a patriot and a defender of Spain. The prospects would not be so bad were it not that the line from which Alfonso XIII, has descended has not successfully defended the crown for this last half century. When Ferdinand VII. died in 1833 he left to succeed to the throne a daughter 3 years old. A law of Spain required that the crown pass to the brother of the monarch who left no son, and, although Ferdinand had repented that law to make his daughter the sovereign a large faction since known as Carlists took up arms in behalf of Don Carlos, the brother of Ferdinand. For six years a bitter civil war raged, the clergy siding with the Carlists. The Carlists were defeated, but the regency of the queen mother of Isabella was unpopular, and she was forced to abdicate. After the revolution of 1868, Isabella fled from France. A republic arose, and a king from Italy ruled in Spain before Isabella's son, Alfonso XII, finally returned to Spain and succeeded to the crown. But to do it he had to fight the Carlists, by this time led by a grandson of the Don Carlos who began the trouble in 1833. Alfonso XII. died in 1885, and was succeeded by Alfonso XIII, whose mother is the queen regent, now in possession of the government. The ruling branch of the present dynasty is unpopular in Spain. It is a time ripe for the Carlists, for an unpopular sovereign, whose line has been overthrown and harassed as much as has that of Alfonso XIII, since the day of Ferdinand VII., affords a weakness that is a temptation to a pretender at any time.

Object Lesson.

The first issue of Confederate money commanded a small premium in gold. This continued but a short while, as will be seen in the first item of the appended record, showing what it was worth in gold at the dates named:

DATE.	WORTH.
June, 1861.....	90 cents
December 1, 1861.....	80 "
December 15, 1861.....	75 "
February 1, 1862.....	60 "
February 1, 1863.....	20 "
June, 1863.....	8 "
January, 1864.....	2 "
November, 1864.....	4½ "
January, 1865.....	2½ "
April 1, 1865.....	1½ "

After the last date a one-dollar greenback, itself far below gold in value, would buy from \$800 to \$1,000 until the moment when all hope of redemption was forever gone, Confederate money became inexchangeable.

People who speak so glibly of irredeemable money know nothing of the subject.

If they have read history, especially Confederate financial history, they have read to no profit.

They have read the latest and most telling example of the rise and fall of free and unlimited money without finding out that it fell in purchasing power as it grew more plentiful.

As a matter of fact, Confederate money bore the promise of redemption, yet it fell to worthlessness.

A fiat money man told the *Journal*, however, that this result happened "because there was no government behind it."

This turned out to be true. But if a failing government cannot redeem its promises, what more is to be expected in the way of redemption by a strong, durable government that makes no promise to redeem?

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