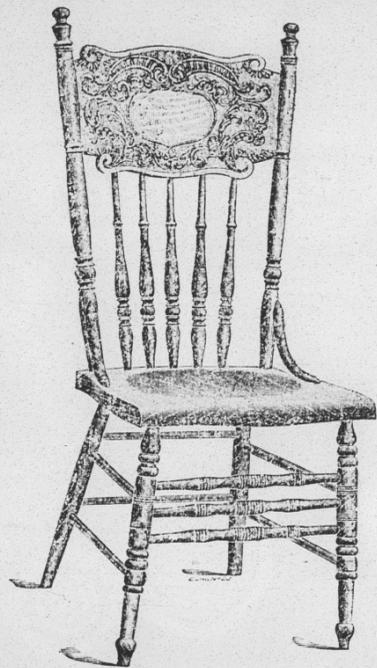




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ARE WE SLAVES OR FREEMEN?

\$39,000.00 For The Family, With the Fleece of the Organization and Pap from the Bench Thrown In.—A Bunch of Facts.

In June, 1878, a set of "Rules and Regulations governing Republican Primary Elections in Somerset County" was adopted, and the first Primary election was held in obedience to the same in 1880.

HOW THE SCULL RING GOT INTO POWER.

RULE 1.—The principal officers of the Republican party of Somerset county shall be a Chairman and a Chairman Pro tem, of the County Committee, who shall be elected by the committee, whose term of office shall last for one year, commencing immediately after the final adjournment of the convention and continue until his successor is elected, and whose residence and office shall be at the County-seat.

By design and management of the *Herald* machine this rule was imposed upon the Republicans of Somerset county. There are 6,000 Republican voters in the county; 250 of this number reside in Somerset borough. By this rule the machine has shut the door of political freedom against 5750 members of the party. Why should not a Republican residing in Meyersdale, Salisbury, Conemaugh, Addison, or any other precinct in the county be eligible for County Chairman? Simply because the ring has less competition when eligibility is limited to a few instead of the many; with 98 per cent. of the party under disability, the machine has but 4 per cent. to hold in subjection.

In order to clinch its unholy and unrighteous grasp more tightly and to wield its lash more effectively to insure the success of the machine, and to keep the party organization in "the family" or "in the hands of a trusted and subservient employe," the following language was woven in Rule 13:—"The duty of the Chairman shall be to appoint members of the Republican party to fill vacancies, remove committeemen, &c."

It is readily seen by Rule 1 and the quotation from Rule 13, and it is the practice of the machine, that the committee going out of office at the end of its term elects the Chairman for the new committee. This gives the machine a full year to fill vacancies caused by the removal of committeemen from the district, by death, and to get the committeemen into line with "the goods and chattels in stock (the three-cornered two-for-five smile of Secretary "Tim," who voted for Quay at St. Louis when Somerset County was a unit for McKinley). This is sufficient to show how the rules were fixed up by the machine to keep the editor of the *Scull*-paper and its servants at Somerset, in control of the party organization.

BUT THERE IS MORE YET.

After the *Scull* machine had fastened itself upon the party, it was discovered in order to "make the business pay," the rules needed amendment, as rule 13 only permitted the Chairman to make assessments "on candidates for nomination to defray expenses for announcing candidates for office, pay expenses of conventions of return judges, * * * and assess nominated candidates for all necessary legitimate expenses." The machine found there was "nothing in it" and it promulgated and fastened upon the party the following "Tariff for Revenue only."

RULE 20.—Each candidate for nomination shall furnish to the Chairman of the County Committee, not less than twenty days before the Primary election, his name, the office for which he is a candidate, the township or borough in which he resides, with his post-office address, and pay a fee of:

President Judge.....	\$100 00
Congress.....	50 00
State Senator.....	40 00
Sheriff.....	40 00
Prothonotary.....	40 00
Recorder.....	40 00
Assembly.....	40 00
Treasurer.....	40 00
County Commissioner.....	30 00
District Attorney.....	30 00
Associate Judge.....	30 00
Auditor.....	10 00
Poor House Director.....	10 00
Jury Commissioner.....	10 00
Coroner.....	10 00
County Surveyor.....	10 00

To be used exclusively as a fund to defray the expenses of announcing candidates, in the Republican newspapers of the county, &c."

RULE 21.—The Chairman of the County Committee shall have the right to assess all candidates nominated, * * * and in case of refusal of any nominee to pay the same, he shall be dropped, and the person having the next highest vote in the convention shall be substituted on the ticket."

By virtue of these two rules the political wire-pullers for "revenue only"

received into their coffers from 1884 to 1897 the sum of at least \$20,000.00, but the looters of the Republican party treasury complained "the business doesn't pay." When Rule 20 was adopted, it provided that the announcements of candidates should be made in the Republican papers of the county. Then the classical (?) gentleman of the self-styled Somerset county family paper, now better known as the *Scull*-paper, and Louis Ague Smith, the zigzag-middle-of-the-road-machine editor of the *Meyersdale Commercial*, now commonly spoken of as the *Scull* organette, were on reasonably good terms, and the language of the rule was not objectionable to the non-assessment paying editor of the *Scull*-paper, but peace soon yielded up the ghost; "Lucifer" staggered out of line; he was kicked out of heaven by Gabriel for disobedience to the great Ego.

The *Somerset County Times*, now the *Somerset Standard*, made its advent into Republican journalism. Two journals in the field with the Primary-fed *Scull*-paper, who were entitled to print the announcement of candidates for office, could not and would not be tolerated.

The Chairman, "Scotty," was instructed that announcements could not be printed in any paper other than the "Advertising Bulletin" circulated by the manager of the Phil Sheridan Oil Co. Instructions were obeyed and "Scotty" was rewarded with the conferees of Somerset county for State Senator.

Something more was now necessary, for the editor of the *Times* had brought suit against the ring organization for the payment of printing of announcements of the candidates for office, and had obtained judgment against A. F. Dorer and Geo. R. Scull, Esq., for the sum of \$140.00 and the costs of suit.

The rules must now be amended, which was accordingly done. Rule 20 read *inter alia*: "Money to be used to defray the expenses of announcing candidates in the Republican newspapers of the county." This rule, in order to give the machine full control of the party printing, was changed in 1887 to read: "Money to be used to defray the expenses of announcing candidates in such Republican newspapers of the county as shall be designated by the Chairman."

One more point is scored by the ring from a business standpoint. The printing must be done at the *Scull* print shop; but more grease is needed to make "business profitable," and Rule 21 is now made the club in the hands of the Chairman to force money from candidates who have been nominated. Observe the language of Rule 21. "The Chairman of the County Committee * * * shall have the right to assess all candidates nominated * * * and in case of refusal of any nominee to pay the same, he shall be dropped, and the person having the next highest vote in the convention shall be substituted on the ticket." By the use of this club nominated candidates for County Commissioner were assessed \$30.00 each; Prothonotary \$150.00; Sheriff, Recorder, Treasurer and Assemblymen \$100.00 each; Associate Judge and District Attorney \$30.00 each; Senator \$200.00; Congress from \$500 to \$1,000. Of course these assessments were remitted to a few favorites, as will be seen further on. (Ourselves were cared for). This rule, enforced with Rule 20, made the faces of "Timmie" and "Freddy" bloom and blossom like roses.

The clubs were used with great success in fleecing, yea, skinning candidates until in 1891. In 1891 the Legislature killed Rule 21, and the powerful arm of Chairman Biesecker felt palsied by his side. On June 19, 1891, the Baker Reform Law was approved which provides: Every certificate of nomination shall be signed by the presiding officer and secretary or secretaries of the convention or primary meeting or caucus or board, who shall add thereto their places of residence, and shall be sworn or affirmed to by them. The barrier was burned away. The tyrants' chain entwined about the party was broken, nominations made by the people could no longer be threatened by the power of the machine. The principal source of revenue was gone. The ailment to feed the fires of ring fealty was forever lost. Candidates duly nominated were decried as traitors to the party when they no longer yielded up the grease. Then came the cry and and whine of the machine: "There is no money and a Primary election cannot be held." How much money had the ringsters received since rule 20 and 21 went into effect, and who received it?

FIGURES DON'T LIE.

The following figures show how much

money the ringsters received since the adoption of Rule 20:

CHAIRMAN	YEAR	SECRETARY	RECD.
J. R. Scott.....	1884	L. C. Colborn.....	\$1250
J. R. Scott.....	1885	L. C. Colborn.....	60
W. H. Sanner.....	1886	Geo. R. Scull.....	500
C. C. Shaffer.....	1887	Geo. R. Scull.....	800
C. C. Shaffer.....	1888	Geo. R. Scull.....	140
C. C. Shaffer.....	1889	Geo. R. Scull.....	210
F. W. Biesecker.....	1890	Geo. R. Scull.....	2120
F. W. Biesecker.....	1891	Geo. R. Scull.....	230
F. W. Biesecker.....	1892	Geo. R. Scull.....	1020
F. W. Biesecker.....	1893	Geo. R. Scull.....	320
F. W. Biesecker.....	1894	Geo. R. Scull.....	60
F. W. Biesecker.....	1895	Geo. R. Scull.....	1220
F. W. Biesecker.....	1896	Geo. R. Scull.....	500
H. M. Berkley.....	1897	Geo. R. Scull.....	500

This makes a grand total of \$8,770.00 that went into the hands of the machine under the provisions of Rule 20. Much more was wrung from the nominated candidates by the grab Rule 21. No person ever heard how much money was snatched from candidates, as the "revenue leeches" burned the bridges behind them, and here is the evidence of it.

At the hearing of the election contest last year Chairman Berkley testified thus:

Q—"You said you were Chairman of the County Committee?" A.—(By Berkley) "Yes, sir."

Q—"When were you elected?" A.—"In March, 1896."

Q—"You assumed the duties of Chairman at that time?" A.—"I did."

Q—"Did you get the books and papers in your hands at that time?" A.—"Yes, sir."

Q—"Who was your predecessor?" A.—"Fred. W. Biesecker."

Q—"When did you get the books?" A.—"I didn't get any books."

Q—"None at all?" A.—"No, sir."

Q—"You were subpoenaed to bring them here?" A.—"Yes, sir; anything that belonged to the Republican party."

Q—"You have none?" A.—"No, sir."

Q—"No records of any kind?" A.—"I have the Bank book."

Q—"You have no books of your predecessor?" A.—"Nothing but a check."

Q—"When did you get that?" A.—"On the 5th of June, 1897."

Q—"How much was that?" A.—"\$367.40."

Chairman Shaffer kept books and exhibited a sworn statement of the receipts and expenditures of the party funds for the period during which he was chairman. Taking the statement of Chairman Shaffer as published in the *Somerset Standard* of 21st Feb., 1890, as a basis of calculation, the ring has squeezed from candidates for county and district offices under Rule 21, \$12,000.00 more, not to say anything of the \$800.00 received in 1894 from the managers of the Jack Robinson campaign; and the contributions made by "Asparagus" Bill Andrews and other managers of the state end of the machine. In fourteen years the organization has received \$20,000.00 of money contributed by members of the party.

THE PRIMARY FUND.

Since Rule 20 has been in force, 290 members of the party have been candidates for nomination and have paid to the ring organization \$8,770.00; and of this sum \$2,900 has gone to the *Scull*-paper and its organette for printing of announcements; as much more has been charged for printing tickets and election blanks by the machine junk shops. By this means there is placed into the hands of the "Family" and "its trusted employes" \$5,870.00 of the entire sum grabbed for. During this period eleven elections were held; three were called off, but fourteen times the announcements were printed. Though there was only one candidate for each office, and before printing the announcements, the machine had determined not to hold an election (so Chairman Berkley testified) yet the announcements were printed. "Money must be spent on us any way," was the motto, and the *Scull* print shop got its paw into the party treasury, all the same.

FUND RAISED BY RULE 21.

Nobody but "WE-US-YOU & CO." knows how much the "Union Street Political Boodlers" made out of this fund, but it is a known fact that they saved some out of it.

Chairman Shaffer's published statement shows that Hon. Edward Scull never paid him his announcement fee as required by Rule 20 (which is \$50); neither did he pay any assessments under Rule 21, as other candidates were required to do. THE STAR has in its possession the affidavit made by Ex-Chairman Shaffer as to the truth of this statement, and we will produce the original document to all who call to see it.

WHAT THE FAMILY REAPED.

Outside of making and saving inside of the organization, the *Scull* family received emoluments from office as follows:

Hon. Ed. Scull, 6 yrs. in Congress.....	\$20,000.00
Geo. R. Scull, Esq., 3 yrs. Dist. Atty.....	3,000.00

F. W. Biesecker, 6 yrs. Dist. Atty.....	6,000.00
"Timmie," 12 yrs. Sec. Co. Com.....	(?)
"Freddy," 7 yrs. Co. Chairman.....	(?)

AND PAP FROM THE BENCH.

"Timmie".....	Audits.....	\$1,796.71
"Freddy".....	Audits.....	1,437.71

Here is a little "itemizing" that will be interesting reading for the ring and its henchmen. The above facts are given to the Republicans of Somerset county so that they may know why the ring organs are constantly maligning men of brains and reputation. It is because they will not bend the knee to the dictates of the ringsters and give their assent and influence to the "ways and means" of the *Scull* coterie, that the coffers of "the machine" may be filled to overflowing." Look-out! We will have more in our next issue.

In the spring the fancy of the Pennsylvania Democrats always lightly turns to thoughts of carrying the fall elections; but when the fall comes what a fall is there!—*Pittsburg Times*.

It is time of war there is room for only one party—the people. There is only one cause—the country's. There is only one leader—the President. There is only one flag—the "Star Spangled Banner." Hence partisanship in Congress should cease.—*Monongahela Republican*.

MR. WANAMAKER, in making his fight against Quayism, does not forget the other fight which the Nation is likely to soon have on its hands. He offers to raise a regiment of Pennsylvanians, and go with them to the front. There is no discount on such patriotism.—*Philadelphia Record*.

A FEW weeks ago a census was taken of the United States navy, which showed that of the 7,946 enlisted seamen on the roster, 3,668 of them were American born, while the balance hail from almost all the countries of Europe. At present the preference is given by the enlisting officers to Americans.

The man to whose vote Rutherford B. Hayes owed his election to the Presidency died at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Tuesday. He was Gen. Hugh J. Campbell, and in 1876 was a member of the Louisiana Returning Board, casting his ballot for the Republicans. He raised the first regiment in Iowa in the War of the Rebellion and won renown in that conflict. He is said to have been at his death the best-known citizen of South Dakota.—*Johnstown Tribune*.

HOLDERS of life insurance policies in the old line companies lose all they have paid and forfeit their policies in the bargain, if they show enough loyalty to enlist in war to defend their flag. It is barely possible that not one man in a thousand who carries old line insurance knew this when he took it, as very few men read every word in an insurance policy. Here is patriotism for you. What protection do these companies deserve? And yet they dictate all legislation regarding their affairs.—*Lehigh (Ill.) Gazette*.

SOME of the friends of William J. Bryan are in great trepidation over the popularity of Fitzhugh Lee and fear he may supersede Bryan as a Democratic presidential possibility in 1900. Lee buttons are being freely worn about Washington and there is plenty of talk among Democrats to the effect that the Consul-General would make a good candidate. Bryan himself pretends to have no fear and believes that Lee's support of the Palmer and Buckner ticket and his opposition to the Chicago platform have left a stigma upon his political record which will effectually hold him down in any presidential fights. Mr. Bryan may be deceiving himself, however. Lee would have a solid South back of him on account of his rebellion-slavery record, to start with, and the shibboleth of "16 to 1" may not have the magic in 1900 that it had in 1896.—*Johnstown Tribune*.

VARIOUS persons and firms employing large numbers of men have been making provisions which will give their employees little for staying at home to hold their jobs, when hostilities begin between this country and Spain. Beginning with Uncle Sam, he has ordered that postal employes be granted leave of absence and their places retained for them; postmasters, also, will be allowed to go, where acceptable persons can be found to take charge of the offices. The American Express Company will allow half pay during absence, and give all employes who enlist their old places or other ones as good when they return. The city of New York will do the same. And then there is John Wanamaker, who offers to continue all his employes who enlist on full pay, and give \$1,000 to the families of all such as may be killed in the service.—*Johnstown Tribune*.