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HICKS IN MORE TROUBLE.

Congressional Investigation Now Threatened.—Pretty Kettle of Fish for Our Josiah.

William E. Curtis of the Chicago Record telegraphs his paper this interesting item of information from Washington:

Representative J. D. Hicks of the Altoona district of Pennsylvania is the object of considerable notoriety just at present, because of charges that he has been engaged in the sale of post-offices in his district for cash and other valuable considerations. For several weeks grave charges have been made in some of the Pennsylvania newspapers, and there has been considerable whispering around the capitol that a Pennsylvania member has been detected in the sale of patronage. Mr. Wanamaker is now making a canvass for the governorship of Pennsylvania, has made such an assertion in nearly every one of the speeches, but has never named the man. He has only intimated that the culprit was a prominent and active member of the Quay machine and has used the charge as a reason why that machine should be smashed. The facts are rapidly coming to light and are likely to culminate in a congressional investigation, although it is not probable that Mr. Hicks, who is the person alluded to, will follow the advice of some of his friends who have confidence in his integrity and demand a vindication by congress. Some of the charges thus far made by responsible persons are that Representative Hicks, who is a president of a building and loan association at Altoona, offered to appoint J. L. Reid postmaster at that city, provided Reid would take or sell among his friends 1,000 shares of stock of that company. Second, it is charged that Hicks has demanded and obtained sums ranging from \$250 to \$500 from persons who have been appointed postmasters in his district on the pretext of contributing to his campaign expenses. Third, Frank Donohue, who was a candidate for the postoffice at Hastings, Cambria county, says his friends were induced to contribute a purse of \$400 toward the campaign expenses of Mr. Hicks in order to secure his endorsement, and that John A. VanDusen, who was his competitor, raised the ante to \$650 and secured the appointment. An attempt was made to mollify and silence Mr. Donohue by appointing him to the smaller office at Carrolltown.

Postmaster General Smith is familiar with these charges, and it is believed that he has already made an investigation through the secret service of the department which will shortly be laid before the president, but it is not likely to be made public. If it is discovered that any postmaster has paid money for his appointment to Mr. Hicks or to any other person he will be declared persona non grata and his resignation will be called for. Until the truth is known all of the appointments recommended by Mr. Hicks will be held up, and he is not likely to be consulted about other nominations.

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They would have repeated this outrage this year had they dared, but they felt the temper of the people and reluctantly called a primary election. They have made their slate, as usual, and the candidates on this slate are the ones who are running up and down the county denying that they are Scull candidates.

Year after year the Scull ring has delivered the Delegates to the State Convention from this county to the State machine, of which the ring is a beneficiary, and this year this Somerset county clique heads its ticket with the name of the arrogant boss of the State machine, Matthew S. Quay. They foist the name of this boss upon the Republicans of this county in spite of their declaration a few years ago that "one who is not a qualified voter of the county is debarred from being a candidate at any election at which he cannot vote." This year there is no immediate member of the Scull family on the ticket to be interfered with by a foreign candidate, as there was when the above declaration was made, and as the ring needs money with which to oppose the will of the people it simply flies in the face of its own declaration, kicks over all precedent, and takes firm hold of the State machine boss's leg. If the wily Senator does not come out of his escapade in this county with an elongated leg and a better knowledge of the temper of the Republicans of this county than he ever dreamed of, we shall be greatly surprised.

The spectacle of the Scull chairman of the county committee accepting the regular announcement fee from a score of candidates, and compelling them to obligate themselves for a further pull, then using his influence in the interest of the Scull slate is one that must irritate in a high degree every Republican who believes in fair play; yet this has been the practice of the Scull chairman

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The Ring's Course.

Somerset Standard. It is not surprising that the Republicans of this county have determined to lift up the standard of emancipation and set their party free from the unjust and oppressive domination of the few politicians who have held it as a mere stock in trade for a score of years. And that these politicians, commonly called the Scull ring, have seen this uprising, and fear its results, is evidenced by the fact that their slated candidates are now going up and down the county denying that they are "Scull candidates." A few years ago the Scull-slanted candidates approached the voter with the proud boast that they were the Scull elects; to-day they approach the voter with the cringing denial that they are the Scull candidates.

What does this mean? It simply means that both the Scull ring and its henchmen—who are usually its candidates—have seen the handwriting on the wall, and dare not go before the voter displaying their ring marks. They know that the parts they have played in the reign of misrule have disgusted the rank and file of the party, and they seek to escape the odium that attaches to every member and heeler of the ring. Their denials are only a further evidence of their ring training.

But why has this Scull ring fallen into such disrepute among the members of the party over which it has ruled almost to ruin? The story is a long one, and it is burdened throughout with selfishness, deceit, trickery and treachery. It would take volumes to lay bare the Scull-ring's reign of misrule.

We have neither time nor inclination to delve in the unsavory history of this clique. It has carried on with a high hand upon the assumption that having for years steered our State Legislators and Delegates to the State Conventions into the State machine's net, it, and only it, is the Republican party of this county, and the man who ever dared to raise his hand or voice in opposition to this pernicious conduct of the party's affairs has been called a "party-wrecker."

As the Scull ring grew older it got bolder, and its appetite for spoils became insatiable. Greed for lucre and self-aggrandizement ran riot in the pates of this political coterie, and their heeled kept up a merry dance in their itch for office. Dazed by the success of their profitable traffic with the State machine, and losing sight of the party voter—until election time returned—they forgot that the day of reckoning must come.

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Mercantile Appraisal of Dealers in Merchandise

In Somerset County, Pa., for 1898.

Take notice that in pursuance of several acts of assembly of the Commonwealth to provide revenue to meet the demands upon the treasury and other purposes, the undersigned appraiser of mercantile taxes for said county has prepared a list of the trades of said county and has placed each in that class which to him appears right and proper, to-wit:

Name.	Class.	Am't.
ADDISON.		
Denn, H. J. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Denn & Brother H. L.	14	7.00
Farm's & Lath, Cass'n	14	7.00
Collins, E. B.	14	7.00
Niclow, E. D.	14	7.00
Ross, R. F.	14	7.00
Strawn, F. P.	14	7.00
ALLEGHENY.		
Frazier, C. W. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
BERLIN.		
Bowman, E. J. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Cook & Co., C. F.	12	12.50
Collins, E. B.	14	7.00
Dibert, G. W.	14	7.00
Floto, E. C.	12	12.50
Floto, J. A.	12	12.50
Holley, R. C.	14	10.00
Johnson & Son, A. K.	14	7.00
Kissinger, J. C. & Co., C. W.	11	15.00
Nowag, Paul G.	14	7.00
Philson, J. C.	13	10.00
Philson, J. A. & W. P.	10	10.00
Philson & Co., S. Bankers	30	60.00
Walker, G. K. Retailer	13	10.00
BENSON.		
Cassler, A. E. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Farmers' Milling Co.	14	7.00
Helsel, Louis	14	7.00
BLACK.		
Husband, A. D. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Hutwout, J. S.	14	7.00
BROTHERS VALLEY.		
Beuchley, Ira. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Casey, H. B.	14	7.00
Rayman, U. F.	14	7.00
CONEMAUGH.		
Hersberger, Jacob. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Menser, Thornton	14	7.00
Rish, Henry	14	7.00
Weaver, D. H.	14	7.00
CASSELLMAN.		
Shultz & Co., W. H. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Weimer, L. L.	14	7.00
CONFLUENCE.		
Anderson, Wm. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Bird & Bird	14	7.00
Black Sons Co., A. G.	10	10.00
Bohl, A. W.	14	7.00
Bowman & Hall	14	7.00
Barnett & Morgan	14	7.00
Cunningham, G. E.	14	7.00
Davis, E. E.	14	7.00
Dodds, J. M. Billiards	40	40.00
Dean, T. B. Retailer	14	7.00
Groff, A. P.	11	15.00
Henry, M.	14	7.00
Kurtz, J. R.	14	7.00
Motz and Son, W. S.	14	7.00
McNutt, J. E.	14	7.00
Ross & Bro., A. M.	10	10.00
Taylor, J. B.	14	7.00
Tennehill, M.	14	7.00
Tissot, H. B. Public Hall	30	30.00
ELK LICK.		
Bender, F. W. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Kretschman, S. A.	14	7.00
Marlin, M. A.	14	7.00
Maus & Broadwater	13	10.00
Malcolm, D. K.	14	7.00
Thomas, R. F.	14	7.00
FAIR HOPE.		
Dom, I. C. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Griffith & Sul, J. L.	14	10.00
Trouman, P. B.	14	7.00
GREENVILLE.		
Krissinger, Geo. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Nutz, A. C.	14	7.00
HOOVERS VALLEY.		
Brough, P. J. Retailer	11	\$ 15.00
Geisel, S. P.	12	12.50
JEFFERSON.		
Beckett, J. W. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Knepper, M. M.	14	7.00
Milner, Jas. C.	13	10.00
JENNER.		
Donges, Fred. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Fluck, B. S.	14	7.00
Marlin, M. A. & Son, J. C.	12	12.50
O'Connor, John A.	14	7.00
Risinger, John A.	12	12.50
Roy, Minnie K.	13	7.00
JENNER BOR.		
Griffith, J. J. Retailer	13	\$ 10.00
LOWER TURKEYFOOT.		
Colborn, A. J. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Romesberg, W. S.	14	7.00
LINCOLN.		
Gary, J. W. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Spie, Wm. P.	12	12.50
Weimer, M.	12	12.50
LARIMER.		
Beal, Mrs. A. O. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Glavin, Geo. J.	14	7.00
Suder, Mrs. P. W.	14	7.00
MIDDLECREEK.		
Bugh, A. N. Retailer	13	\$ 10.00
Barron, N. B.	14	7.00
Moore, C. B.	13	10.00
MILFORD.		
Schrock Bros. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
MEYERSDALE.		
Appel & Co., Wm. Retailer	9	\$ 25.00
Cook, Wm. B.	13	10.00
Cover & Son, P. J.	11	15.00
Cummins Bank	14	30.00
Dia & Co., C. H. Bankers	14	7.00
Dively, H. J.	14	7.00
Deal, E. J.	14	7.00
Ebbeck, H. J.	14	7.00
Eichner	14	7.00
Farmers' Bank	14	20.00
Floto, A. D. Retailer	14	7.00
Glessner, H. W. Co.	13	10.00
Gurley, T. W.	14	7.00
Hartley, H. B.	14	7.00
Hady, Michael	14	7.00
Herring, Garrett	10	20.00
Hartley, S. C.	10	20.00
Hocking Bros.	11	15.00
Leonard & Fife	12	12.50
Livingood, S. B.	14	7.00
Meyers, M. E.	14	15.00
Meyersdale Supply Co.	9	25.00
Milner & Collins	14	7.00
Morgan, B. D. Retailer	14	7.00
Palmer, J. H.	9	25.00
Patt, M. E.	14	7.00
Pitt, Chas. Eating House	8	5.00
Rutter & Will. Retailer	13	10.00
Rutz & Son, B. J.	14	7.00
Peoples' Store	14	7.00
Shipley Hardware Co.	10	20.00
Shively, J. M. Opera House	14	30.00
The Beuchley Co. Retailer	14	7.00
Thomas & Bro., F. B.	14	7.00
NEW BALTIMORE.		
Gardill & Co., J. J. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Topper, John M.	13	10.00
NEW CENTERTVILLE.		
Boucher, H. S. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
Dull & Co.	14	7.00
Hamilton & Co., L.	14	7.00
NORTHAMPTON.		
Leydig, I. D. Retailer	11	\$ 7.00
Lynch, P. J.	14	7.00
Milner, J. H.	14	7.00
OGLE.		
Baumgardner, J. L. Retailer	14	\$ 7.00
PAINT.		
Ashford Trading Co. Retailer	12	\$ 12.50
Cohen, M. J.	13	10.00
Eureka Sup. Co. (Ltd)	10	20.00
Krider, S.	14	7.00
Rummel, J. M. Opera House	14	30.00
Reim, Garrett	14	7.00
Shaffer, I. D.	14	7.00
QUEMATHONING.		
Speck, Josiah. Retailer	9	\$ 25.00
ROCKFORD.		
Act. & Co.		

Baker, W. H. H. Retailer 13 10.00
Connelly, S. E. Retailer 14 7.00
Dull, E. E. Retailer 14 7.00
Growth, A. J. Retailer 14 7.00
Just Furniture Co. Retailer 14 7.00
Shirley & Son, J. D. Retailer 12 12.50
Rockwood Feed Co. Retailer 12 12.50
Snyder, H. Retailer 14 7.00
Snyder, M. H. Retailer 14 7.00
Wolfersberger, D. H. Retailer 14 7.00

SALISBURY.
Barchus & Living'd Retailer 12 \$ 12.50
Barchus, J. L. Banker 20.00
Ehlen & Reese Retailer 11 15.00
Gibberty, M. J. Retailer 14 7.00
Hay, P. B. Retailer 13 10.00
Hay, C. T. Public Hall 20.00
Haselearth, G. B. Retailer 14 7.00
Jeffery, J. T. Retailer 14 7.00
Jachlicke, Mrs. S. A. Retailer 11 15.00
Shaw, H. C. Retailer 14 7.00
Stallier, C. E. Retailer 19 20.00
Wahl, P. M. Billiards 40.00

SHADE.
Reitz, J. H. Retailer 14 \$ 7.00

STONECREEK.
Baltzer, C. L. Retailer 14 \$ 7.00
Baltzer, S. G. Retailer 14 7.00
Baltzer, Edward Retailer 14 7.00
Coffey, Wilson Retailer 14 7.00
Dively, L. F. Retailer 14 7.00
Floto & Baltzer Retailer 14 7.00
Kettler, Wilson Retailer 14 7.00
Landis, C. E. Retailer 14 7.00
Spangler, C. D. Retailer 14 7.00
Sorber, D. W. Retailer 14 7.00
Wagner, Daniel Retailer 14 7.00

SOMERFIELD.
Frey, Wm. A. Retailer 14 \$ 7.00
Hook, T. M. Retailer 13 10.00
Jacobs, T. J. Retailer 14 7.00

SOMERSET.
Cabel, J. M. Retailer 13 \$ 10.00
Eicher, D. W. Retailer 14 7.00
Shaffer, H. B. Retailer 14 7.00
Saylor & Co., D. L. Retailer 10.00
Saylor & Co., C. W. Retailer 13 10.00
Schmucker, S. H. Retailer 14 10.00
Weimer, A. J. Retailer 12 12.50

SOMERSET BOR.
Acme Grocery Retailer 13 \$ 10.00
Brehm, L. W. Eating House 8 5.00
Benford, M. C. Retailer 14 7.00
Brunner, A. W. Retailer 14 7.00
Cook, J. M. Retailer 14 7.00
Black & Beertis Retailer 7 40.0