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To show that the loud outcry against increased county taxation and extravagance in the County Commissioners' office is utterly without foundation, but that on the contrary county taxation has been reduced about one-third since the Scull ring had control of the Commissioners' office, the following list of some of the highest farmer tax-payers in Somerset county has been copied from the records to show the reductions in county taxation since the year 1888.

| ADDISON. | 1888. | 1898. | The diff. |
|--|---------|---------|-----------|
| Jacobs, Asa..... | \$31.82 | \$15.10 | \$16.72 |
| Hanna, John..... | 27.41 | 14.94 | 12.47 |
| McCulloh, Henry C. | 46.97 | 25.57 | 21.40 |
| Miller, Wm..... | 38.16 | 21.75 | 16.41 |
| Sterner, Jacob..... | 31.47 | 18.00 | 13.47 |
| ALLEGHENY. | | | |
| Hillegas, Wm. H., home farm..... | 24.22 | 14.40 | 9.82 |
| Mowry, John..... | 11.55 | 7.14 | 4.41 |
| Suhre, Francis..... | 7.78 | 4.44 | 3.35 |
| Salver, Wm..... | 9.62 | 5.82 | 3.80 |
| Tipton, Jacob..... | 9.56 | 5.75 | 3.81 |
| BROTHERSVALLEY. | | | |
| Berkley, Mrs. Sarah, widow..... | 55.03 | 29.90 | 25.13 |
| Hay, Sylvester..... | 67.48 | 42.01 | 25.47 |
| Miller, Jonathan..... | 51.42 | 30.08 | 21.34 |
| Meyers, David L..... | 56.00 | 33.20 | 22.80 |
| Kimmel, Ed., now Stoner, J. O..... | 63.42 | 40.81 | 22.61 |
| BLACK. | | | |
| Baker, John D..... | 24.11 | 9.90 | 14.21 |
| Critchfield, Oliver..... | 16.73 | 9.36 | 7.37 |
| Enos, Emanuel..... | 14.57 | 7.28 | 7.29 |
| Snyder, Peter..... | 34.03 | 16.38 | 17.65 |
| Youngkin, Wm. S..... | 16.66 | 8.91 | 7.75 |
| CONEMAUGH. | | | |
| Blough, Benjamin, home farm..... | 48.34 | 30.29 | 18.05 |
| Eash, Emanuel, home farm..... | 29.47 | 15.21 | 14.26 |
| Griffith, Stephen..... | 29.19 | 17.90 | 11.29 |
| Johns, Sem K., home farm..... | 25.18 | 13.23 | 11.95 |
| Kaufman, Jacob, home farm..... | 44.91 | 25.70 | 19.21 |
| ELK LICK. | | | |
| Keim, Henry, now Keim, David..... | 54.01 | 33.62 | 20.39 |
| Maus, Samuel P..... | 48.44 | 30.15 | 18.29 |
| Beachy, Milton J..... | 61.82 | 43.97 | 17.85 |
| Keim, J. B..... | 41.51 | 28.35 | 13.16 |
| Lepley, Adam C., home farm..... | 37.83 | 23.62 | 14.21 |
| GREENVILLE. | | | |
| Gloftely, Jeremiah, now Giffely, S. D..... | 24.05 | 11.70 | 12.35 |
| Lint, Noah..... | 29.82 | 12.32 | 17.50 |
| Lowry, John B..... | 13.92 | 7.77 | 6.15 |
| Miller, Jae. P., home farm..... | 22.10 | 16.52 | 5.58 |
| Yutzy, Samuel D..... | 20.78 | 9.21 | 11.57 |
| JEFFERSON. | | | |
| Brougher, Jeremiah..... | 34.72 | 20.47 | 14.25 |
| Fleck, Silas A..... | 31.61 | 19.35 | 12.26 |
| Hay, Wm. P., Scott farm..... | 32.40 | 19.53 | 12.87 |
| Miller, Jonathan L..... | 39.31 | 21.74 | 17.57 |
| Shaulis, Frederick, home farm..... | 34.52 | 21.19 | 13.33 |
| JENNER. | | | |
| Ankney, Jonas J., home farm..... | 34.87 | 18.85 | 16.02 |
| Critchfield, Samuel..... | 26.50 | 13.22 | 13.28 |
| Friedline, Adam..... | 32.24 | 18.95 | 13.29 |
| Hoffman, Alex..... | 39.34 | 22.81 | 16.53 |
| Ash, Lavan..... | 31.56 | 20.64 | 10.92 |
| LARKER. | | | |
| Bittner, Wm. F..... | 10.85 | 5.84 | 5.01 |
| Felker, Conrad..... | 11.17 | 5.79 | 5.38 |
| Knepp, William..... | 9.00 | 4.16 | 4.84 |
| Poorbaugh, Adair..... | 13.41 | 7.05 | 6.36 |
| Beal, Herman B..... | 11.41 | 7.50 | 3.91 |
| LINCOLN. | | | |
| Ankney, Willis..... | 32.14 | 16.16 | 15.98 |
| Casebeer, Henry..... | 31.75 | 19.31 | 12.44 |
| Knepper, William..... | 21.49 | 13.35 | 8.14 |
| Shaffer, James..... | 16.80 | 9.41 | 7.39 |
| Arisman, Adam..... | 14.95 | 9.35 | 5.60 |
| LOWER TURKEYFOOT. | | | |
| Burkholder, J. W..... | 12.52 | 6.47 | 6.05 |
| Gerhart, Nelson..... | 9.71 | 5.40 | 4.31 |
| Groff, Geo. G..... | 17.18 | 10.35 | 6.83 |
| Rush, John, now Rush, H. H..... | 21.07 | 10.35 | 11.72 |
| Scott, Noah, home farm..... | 46.48 | 26.22 | 20.26 |
| MIDDLECREEK. | | | |
| Dickey, Samuel..... | 30.64 | 16.65 | 13.99 |
| Moore, Walter F..... | 16.56 | 9.39 | 7.17 |
| Tedlow, Hiram..... | 25.76 | 16.52 | 9.24 |
| Pile, Jeremiah..... | 11.87 | 7.84 | 4.03 |
| Heminger, Noah..... | 13.76 | 9.36 | 4.40 |
| MILFORD. | | | |
| Boucher, Solomon..... | 26.61 | 16.55 | 10.06 |
| Barclay, Josiah..... | 33.40 | 18.21 | 15.25 |
| Plick, Isiah, home farm..... | 26.14 | 13.56 | 12.58 |
| Dumbauld, Peter..... | 40.77 | 24.62 | 16.15 |
| Hay, Valentine..... | 37.80 | 20.70 | 17.10 |
| Walker, Zacharia..... | 24.00 | 13.89 | 10.11 |
| NORTHAMPTON. | | | |
| Bauman, Wm., home farm..... | 13.06 | 7.46 | 5.60 |
| Broadwater, Ephrim..... | 19.67 | 7.56 | 12.11 |
| Divey, W. S..... | 12.29 | 7.39 | 4.90 |
| Martz, Samson..... | 7.85 | 3.41 | 4.44 |
| Poorbaugh, Jacob..... | 14.22 | 8.55 | 5.77 |
| Wagaman, John..... | 17.46 | 10.35 | 7.11 |
| PAINT. | | | |
| Beabes, Jacob..... | 17.43 | 8.67 | 8.76 |
| Johns, Joseph, home farm..... | 17.01 | 9.41 | 7.60 |
| Custer, Josiah, home farm..... | 14.06 | 9.08 | 4.98 |
| Hoffman, Dan, home farm..... | 20.69 | 13.71 | 6.98 |
| Ott, Peter Mrs..... | 20.33 | 13.17 | 7.16 |
| QUEMAMONG. | | | |
| Zimmerman, J. H., now Zim'em'n C..... | 38.04 | 23.30 | 14.74 |
| Boys, Josiah..... | 21.95 | 12.65 | 9.25 |
| Bowman, David, home farm..... | 17.29 | 10.22 | 7.07 |
| Powman, Benjamin..... | 18.58 | 9.23 | 9.25 |
| Miller, W. H., home farm..... | 31.08 | 19.38 | 11.70 |
| Shaver, Eli W..... | 29.08 | 17.90 | 11.18 |
| Shaffer, Jacob A., home farm..... | 39.20 | 19.94 | 19.26 |
| SOUTHAMPTON. | | | |
| Baker, Benjamin..... | 12.78 | 7.56 | 5.22 |
| Cook, Jesse J..... | 19.00 | 10.13 | 8.87 |
| Korns, Emanuel..... | 19.77 | 11.77 | 8.00 |
| Witt, John G., home farm..... | 20.54 | 11.93 | 8.61 |
| Petenbrink, Henry..... | 7.74 | 3.63 | 4.11 |

STONYPARK.

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|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Brant, C. A., farm..... | 17.71 | 9.84 | 7.87 |
| Glessner, Henry M..... | 21.91 | 11.86 | 9.05 |
| Long, Daniel E..... | 21.81 | 11.12 | 10.69 |
| Miller, Abraham J..... | 28.39 | 12.45 | 15.94 |
| Reiman, J. J..... | 34.65 | 23.06 | 11.59 |

SUMMIT.

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|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Berkley, Emanuel, home farm..... | 43.40 | 24.38 | 19.03 |
| Countryman, Jermie..... | 50.05 | 30.09 | 19.96 |
| Gray, John D..... | 52.22 | 31.01 | 21.21 |
| Marteeney, Simon H..... | 44.98 | 24.41 | 20.47 |
| Miller, Samuel J., home farm..... | 63.14 | 37.71 | 25.48 |
| Saylor, Samuel M., home farm..... | 35.14 | 18.62 | 16.52 |
| Walker, Silas..... | 63.41 | 39.69 | 23.72 |

UPPER TURKEYFOOT.

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|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Brougher, Harrison..... | 31.93 | 19.17 | 12.76 |
| Heinbaugh, David..... | 23.71 | 19.92 | 13.79 |
| Seehler, D. W., now Snyder, Mary..... | 35.22 | 22.48 | 12.78 |
| Seehler, Joshua..... | 18.55 | 10.80 | 7.75 |
| Youngkin, John F..... | 28.08 | 12.56 | 15.52 |

SHADE.

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|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cable, David..... | 28.95 | 13.10 | 15.85 |
| Custer, Washington..... | 16.45 | 9.48 | 6.97 |
| Foy, John, now Foy, Michael..... | 17.54 | 8.30 | 9.24 |
| Ling, Ellsworth, home farm..... | 15.85 | 8.10 | 7.75 |
| Wagner, John J..... | 15.06 | 9.20 | 5.86 |

SOMERSET.

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|--|-------|-------|-------|
| Brubaker, H. M., now Brubaker, A. H. & Brougher, W. H..... | 29.08 | 16.64 | 12.44 |
| Barclay, Moses A..... | 24.96 | 14.66 | 10.30 |
| Brubaker, David, now Keller, Edward..... | 34.50 | 21.77 | 12.73 |
| Hefley, Peter, home farm..... | 39.51 | 28.08 | 11.43 |
| Miller, Benj. S..... | 25.44 | 17.10 | 8.34 |
| Weller, Frederick..... | 38.78 | 20.78 | 18.00 |

It is hereby certified that the above list of tax-payers and taxes is a true and correct copy taken from the records for the years 1887 and 1898, as they appear on the assessment books of said years, respectively.

J. G. EMERT,
Commissioner's Clerk,
Somerset, Pa., May 19, 1898.

A Wall From Confluence.
A little, measly, dauby, slimy 6x8 sheet published at Confluence, by a two-for-cent nonentity of a dude named Tissue, last week tried to get funny and assail THE STAR. As Tissue is the publisher, the Confluence sheet is commonly known in Confluence as the Tissue paper. Outside of Confluence it is not known at all, except by a few exchanges.

The Tissue paper, as its name implies, is remarkably thin and flimsy. It's editor, to commence with, has nothing but sawdust painted red for brains, and it would be cruel to accuse him of writing the article in his last issue in which THE STAR is assailed. Tissue is not capable of writing anything more than a five-line local item; therefore he is supplied with political editorials by a well-known defeated candidate in Somerset borough, whose political carcass was buried under an avalanche of votes at the Republican primary election, two years ago.

This Somerset editor pro tem of the flimsy Confluence Tissue paper, cannot conceal his identity any more than he can fly. Neither can he conceal his ears nor refrain from making an ass of himself. He never wrote at any length in his life without bringing in something pertaining to fabled gods or ancient history, and while he is exceedingly fresh in some respects, he is just as ancient in others.

Because the editor of THE STAR did not vote for this political cadaver, two years ago, we must now be attacked, you see, even if it is in a sneaking, underhanded way. But let this Somerset gentleman (?) help himself, for we can write rings all around him and his brother-in-law, with "Timmie," "Lucifer" and all the rest of that rotten gang thrown in.

While the writer of the abuse heaped upon us is hardly worth noticing, yet we will review a little of his silly twaddle, just for fun.

He refers to THE STAR as "the youngest newspaper in the county" or in other words, "the baby of Somerset county journalism." Well, it is no disgrace to be young. The United States is the youngest of the great nations of the earth, but it is also the most powerful and aggressive. It is much the same with THE STAR. While it is not quite the youngest newspaper in the county, it is as large as any of them, as newsy as any of them and as prominent and as much admired as any of them.

THE STAR was established by its present editor and publisher on the 10th of December, 1891. It will therefore be seen that it is at least older than the Confluence Tissue paper. The paper flourished for two years and a half, then shut down, owing to circumstances over which we had no control; but it was re-established on Jan. 27th, 1898, since which time it has been thriving nicely and bids fair, as the Confluence paper admits, to become one of the finest newspapers in the county. In fact it is one of the finest newspapers in the county now, and many people think it is the finest. At any rate THE STAR is no longer an infant journal. If it is, it seems to be mightily feared by some evil people who would not be willing to admit that they are afraid of the influence of an infant. No, THE STAR is not a baby; at any rate not a baby born too soon; so that if it really has parents or foster parents in Somerset, the parents have nothing to be ashamed of.

Neither is THE STAR disgraced because it has been getting some of the county printing to do. We have as

much right to this printing as any other print shop in Somerset county, and we have been charging less than half the prices the Herald used to get for county printing. This is a big saving to the tax-payers of the county, all of which they appreciate. THE STAR has not been doing any wailing, as our assailant informs the public, and we are not in the least uneasy about the outcome of the primary. The wailing is all coming from the Scull ring, and the ringsters are sore afraid that their fat job of plundering and preying on the county is forever gone.

THE STAR was always a red-hot Republican paper and worked just as hard for the success of the Republican ticket as any paper in the county. But all the party printing used to go to the Herald and its Meyersdale organette, through the corrupt rulings of the Scull ring, which used to hold the party under its tyrannical heel. When THE STAR was in existence the first time, it couldn't get a cent's worth of party printing, and when it protested against the unfairness of the Sculls or supported Republicans for office who were willing to treat all the Republican papers of the county with fairness, then THE STAR was branded as a "kicker," a "half-breed," etc., by the Scull ring. But did any of our readers ever know THE STAR to go back on any of the county nominations? No! We always supported the nominees no matter whether they were Scull or anti-Scull, as our readers well know.

All there is about it, the Scull ring didn't want Salisbury to have a newspaper; at any rate not a Republican newspaper, for fear that it would come in for a share of the party printing. For that reason the ring tried to strangle the life out of Salisbury's newspaper.

And can any fair-minded man blame us for now making war upon the Scull ring? Does any Salisbury citizen, who takes pride in the welfare and prosperity of his town, think that Salisbury ought not to have a newspaper and printing office, because it might take some printing away from the Scull family in Somerset? We think not. Salisbury has as good a right to have a newspaper as Somerset has, and Salisbury's newspaper has just as much right to county and party printing as has any paper in Somerset.

As our assailant in the Tissue paper says, the Sculls will be remembered a long time; but so will Joe and Dave Nicely and the Roddy boys. Our assailant also says: "A dog may bark at the moon, but that will not keep the moon from shining." We agree with him there and add that a pug-nosed cur may also bay at THE STAR, but that will not keep THE STAR from shining.

Sand Flat.
May 25.—Prospects are that fruit will be abundant this year, as frosts have been few and light.

J. S. Stevanus, of Sand Flat strawberry fame, has again set out quite a supply of strawberry plants to harvest berries from next year.

We are informed that Simon Livengood has been appointed to hold the primary in Elk Lick No. 2.

Daniel Stevanus is as busy as a bee, getting up a new house.
On Tuesday some of the Salisbury Scullites were canvassing the township for votes; but I have an idea they met with the same success they did in getting out the township voters to hear Hicks speak. Ha! ha! Although Elk Lick township has heretofore been a Scull stronghold, we have reason to believe that they are fast losing ground. Last year the ring's only salvation was a call-off of the primary; but this time they must come out from behind the breastworks and take their medicine straight. This is what makes them howl so. They are afraid that they can't say in the words of Commodore Perry, "We have met the enemy and they are ours." Their cry, however, in spirit, is: "Don't give up the ship."

Rockwood.
A. J. Groll is building an addition to his hardware store.

One night recently some thieves broke open a box car belonging to the B. & O. and stole six kegs of beer.

Tim Miller, the manager of the Rockwood base ball club, has re-organized his nine. Pitcher Jack Miller, of last year's Centerville club, will do the twirling, this season, for Rockwood.

The Blair county fakir was recently in our town.
Street Commissioner Pile is greatly improving our streets.

The Scull crowd are making a fuss about Wanamaker's millions; but they have nothing to say about Quay's millions. Wanamaker started as a poor boy and earned his wealth by toil and business tact. Every dollar he has is an honestly earned dollar. How about Quay? Quay got his start in politics and is also worth his millions; but how can a man in a few short years, on a salary of \$5,000, become a millionaire? That is the question. Political stealings may explain the conundrum. See? Quay is a rascally politician. Wanamaker is an honest business man and a Christian gentleman.

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From Soldier Geo. Scully.
MT. GRETTA, PA., May 15th, 1898.
EDITOR STAR.—As it is raining hard this Sunday morning, and as I am not on duty, I will write you a few lines.

This is a beautiful spot for camping purposes, although we have been having too much rain here for drilling, etc. Mt. Gretna is situated on the tip-top of a barren plateau, with high surrounding mountains. The mountain is flat, mostly, making it an ideal camping ground for infantry, artillery and cavalry.

Well, I passed the finest physical examination at Pittsburg and here, twice, out of the forty who passed with me. The examinations are rigid indeed. The eye-sight, teeth, heart and lungs are among the principal points.

I am getting along finely and was never in better health.
I would like to have some of the Salisbury boys with me, as I always liked them. My uncle, Colonel Norman M. Smith, of this regiment, would, I know, be pleased to have Somerset county boys, as I do not think there is one in the 18th regiment.

Well, I intend to do my duty as a soldier, and I am proud of being under the old flag of our country, as it has always been my ambition to fight for it.
We will likely go to Tampa, Florida, or Chickamauga, Tennessee, to encamp, next week.

Please send me THE STAR occasionally, as I love to hear the news from "Mongst the hills 'o Somerset." Please remember me to all my friends and believe me

Your True Friend,
GEO. S. SCULLY.

Address: Company H, 18th Regiment, U. S. A. Volunteers, Camp Hastings, Mt. Gretna, Pa.

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For this occasion the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. will sell tickets to Washington at the low rate of one fare for the round trip, plus \$2.00 membership fee (except that from Baltimore the rate will be \$1.25, round trip). Tickets will be sold from Pittsburg, Parkersburg, Wheeling and points east thereof on July 4th to 7th inclusive, good returning, leaves Washington July 8 to 15 inclusive, with privilege of extension until August 31, 1898, if ticket is deposited with joint agent at Washington, on or before July 12, and payment of fee, fifty (50) cents. Solid vestibuled trains from Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Louisville, Columbus, Pittsburg and intermediate points. The Royal blue trains between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, finest and fastest trains in America. Call on agent Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for full information concerning stop