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The "Iowa idea" that the tariff fosters the Trust is being lost sight of in the new idea of the Republican railroad machine that Governor Cummins has no right to aspire to succeed Senator Allison.

Governor Austin L. Crothers has appointed Gen. N. Winslow Williams Secretary of State. Gen. Williams is a prominent lawyer of Baltimore and a member of Governor Warfield's staff. The appointment is considered a most excellent one.

A Detroit lawyer, who is a member of the Convention to revise the Constitution of Michigan, proposes to jail citizens who do not vote at elections. If that were adopted it would require but another step to compel citizens to vote the Republican ticket.

It is the opinion of the Lynchburg News that Virginia and the South have the right and should lead in choosing the nominees and making the platform of the Democratic party. As the South has about all the certain Democratic electoral votes, it should certainly have a big voice in deciding the issues and the candidates.

The Republican party has struck the President's Cabinet, so the Baltimore correspondent of the New York Times reports, and that Secretary Bryan was compelled to cut down his list of cabinet members. The Secretary of War when asked about it said his experience is in no wise peculiar.

DEMOCRATIC POLICY UPHELD.

The heads of the International Union, comprising the allied printing trades of America, at their late meeting at Indianapolis, are reported to have agreed unanimously to act with the Newspaper Publishers Association in an effort to abolish the tariff duty on wood pulp and white paper. As the members of the Typographical and Allied Union are usually active politicians in their respective localities, they can do much to elect a Congress which will consider tariff reform. But such well posted citizens must know that it is very improbable that even after election, if the Republicans control Congress any real effort for tariff reform will not be attempted as long as the present big combine holds power. Nor is the Republican majority of the Senate controlled as it is by Aldrich and other ardent protectionists at all likely to report favorably any bill that will compete the paper combine or any other trust to reduce the price of its products by abolishing the protection it enjoys through the tariff law and thus foster competition.

It is useless for anyone to shut his eyes to the fact that to reform the tariff is an open business and will require a long campaign, probably extending, at least, two years after the coming national election to produce results. The Democrats welcome those members of the allied printing crafts who are Republicans to aid in electing a President and a Congress pledged to specific tariff reforms, not only the abolition of the tariff upon wood pulp and white paper but a radical revision of the tariff schedules on all trust products.

Those who join in such a crusade for reform must not forget that the House of Representatives is on only one third of the law making power, and that the election of State representatives and State Senators, who elect United States Senators, and the President who signs or can veto bills, is just as necessary as the lower house of Congress, where all revenue bills must originate. If those who suffer from the tariff like the newspaper publishers, and indirectly the public through a poorer quality of paper being printed upon, and those who gain nothing by protection, but lose by reason of the increased cost of living, will join with the Democracy the ultimate result of the fight for tariff reform is certain.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF QUEEN ANNES COUNTY.

In this issue of the OBSERVER will be found a statement of the financial condition of Queen Annes county, as of January 1st, 1908. The county for the past two years has been under the administration of the Independent Citizens Party, and their strongest claim for a second term was that they had managed the county's affairs wisely and economically—in fact so economically as to reduce the tax rate for the present fiscal year from 90 cents to 80 cents on the one hundred dollars. The present board of Commissioners deemed it but just to themselves, and the party they represent, to make a statement to the public of the actual condition of the county's finances at the beginning of their term of office, and a careful perusal of the figures they present in this issue of the OBSERVER will show that the county has not been in such straightened circumstances, financially, since the adoption of the Treasury system of collecting taxes in 1898.

When the last Board of Commissioners fixed the rate at 80 cents on the hundred dollars they created a levy of \$75,608.24 from the taxable basis of the county. Of this amount they spent in the first seven months of the present fiscal year \$32,687.53, exceeding their levy for road work in the first, second, third and seventh districts, exceeding the levy for counsel to the county commissioners by \$310, for lumber and bridges \$465.00, for this and freight \$32.67, for bonds and interest \$25, for elections \$1241.23 and expended for general miscellaneous expenses \$76.84 whereas they made no levy for this purpose. Besides, they have levied for the trustees of the poor \$3,000, for the school fund \$25,000, for the Hospital for the Insane \$1500, for Treasurer's salary \$900, for Road Commissioner's Salary \$250, for County Commissioner's Salary \$1,800, for State Attorney's Salary \$500, for incorporated towns \$200, for metal cases for Clerk's office \$485, for salary to Clerk of County Commissioners \$400, all of which the present Board of Commissioners has no jurisdiction over their only duty in the matter being to pass the accounts when presented. When this amount is added to that which has already been spent it makes a total of 66,722.53 out of a levy of \$75,608.24, which leaves but a small balance of \$8,885.71 for the present Board of Commissioners to pay the indebtedness of the county from January 1st to June 1st. And from this amount must be deducted several large outstanding accounts which have not yet been presented, and the insolvent taxes allowed.

Of course, there was on hand at the beginning of the present fiscal year \$11,893.88 in cash, and there will be collected during the year, probably \$28,555.88 from miscellaneous sources which will make a total of \$23,635.17 that the present Board of Commissioners will have control of for county purposes for the remainder of the present fiscal year. While this amount will probably be sufficient to pay the expenses of the county to June 1st, 1908, yet it can readily be seen that there can be left very little cash on hand at that time and, as the taxes for this year are not collected before November and December, it is shown at a glance that the probabilities are very strong that the county will have no available assets before the 1908 taxes are collected.

It is not our purpose to charge the outgoing administration with extravagance, but it is very apparent that they used bad judgment when they reduced the tax rate without the conditions existing warranting it. We advise the tax payers of the county to study the statement, as published by the commissioners, so as to familiarize themselves with the present condition of county affairs.

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TO LOAN ON MORTGAGES

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A Statement of Expenses

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Queen Anne's County AND Estimated Funds In the Hands of the Treasurer January the 1st, 1908

Published by order of The COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

We herewith present to the people and taxpayers of Queen Anne's County a statement of the finances of said County up to January 1st, 1908. The disbursements shown in this statement are in discharge of debts and obligations incurred before the present Board of County Commissioners went into office. There has already, to January 1st, been paid for work on the public roads an amount largely in excess of the levy therefor, the levy having been overworked in the Second District, \$575.18, in the Third District, \$351.06, in the Fourth District, \$66.92, in the Seventh District, \$278.92, as shown by the accompanying statement, in the column marked "Excess Over Levy." From this it will be seen that in the seven months, from the first of last June, the levy in these four districts has been overpaid \$1272.08, but as the levy for the First District has not been worked out by \$229.94, and the Fifth District by \$45.59, and the Sixth District by \$100.96, it will be seen that the road levy for the county for the entire year, ending May 31st, 1908, has been overpaid \$895.57 in seven months. The levy for lumber and bridges has been overpaid \$465.00, the levy for fuel and freight \$32.67, the levy for road machines, blacksmithing, etc., \$20.84, the levy for bonds and interest \$25.00, the levy for counsel to County Commissioners \$340.00, the levy for last November's election \$1241.23, and expended \$768.84 on general miscellaneous expenses, for which no levy seems to have been made.

The amount paid out and levied for to above date, \$74,432.86, being within \$1175.38 of the entire levy on real and personal property and corporation and franchise tax. We also understand there is quite a large sum of money due Kent county for lumber for Crumpton bridge and a great many outstanding accounts, which have not as yet been filed in this office. Besides the levy for the present fiscal year of \$75,608.24, the miscellaneous receipts coming in from other sources than taxes amount to \$2,855.58, and the cash on hand at the beginning of said fiscal year was \$11,893.88, making a total of \$90,357.70. There will be an additional amount to be charged off the books for insolvent and erroneously assessed taxes, and receipts proportionately decreased.

The amount paid out on warrants to this date is \$32,687.53, as against \$26,282.73 paid up to this time last year, making an excess over last year's payments of \$6,404.80.

We submit this statement to the public for the purpose of showing the condition of the finances of the county at the beginning of our term of office. Below will be shown a summarized statement of the various obligations of the county.

Table with columns: Disbursements, Levy, Excess over Levy. Lists various county departments and their financial status.

Probable Receipts for Fiscal Year, 1907. By Levy, including Corporation and Franchise Tax \$75,608.24. Miscellaneous Receipts 2,855.58. Cash on hand at beginning of fiscal year 11,893.88. Total \$90,357.70.

PUBLIC SALE - OF VALUABLE - Personal Property

THE undersigned having discontinued farming will sell on the farm where he has resided for several years, on the road from Sudlersville to Peters' Corner, about three miles east of Sudlersville, on Saturday, Jan. 18, '08 commencing at 10.00 o'clock A. M. the following personal property

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HOUSEHOLD GOODS

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CHARLES F. BRYSON

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