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## TOO MANY OFFICES.

A few days ago the Times reproduced an editorial from the Ft. Worth Star Telegram concerning the multiplicity of public offices, in which the Star Telegram branded the postmaster as a useless official. While the postmasters of the smaller towns are usually required to make "full hands" in the office, the Star Telegram is eminently correct, as far as the position applies to the larger towns and cities, where postmasters are paid large salaries. But the postmaster is not the only man. Even in the smaller towns and counties, useless officers are in evidence on every corner. As a matter of fact, several county offices should be abolished or consolidated. There is no reason why the offices of tax assessor and tax collector should not be consolidated. One official could easily handle the work of the county clerk and the district clerk. And why is a constable of the county seat precinct? Why cannot the sheriff perform the duties of this office without inconvenience in the least? Consolidation of these offices, and perhaps others, would result in greater efficiency, larger salaries for the officials in charge, with a substantial saving to the public.—Clarksville Times.