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THURSDAY, MARCH 31.

OUR TICKET.

For Representative
HENRY KRICK.

For Prosecuting Attorney
DAVID E. SMITH.

For Clerk Adams Circuit Court
ELMER JOHNSON.

For Treasurer
JONAS NEUENSCHWANDER.

For Sheriff
DANIEL N. ERWIN.

THOMAS M. GALLOGLY.

For Surveyor
WILLIAM E. FULK.

For Commissioner—First District
JOSEPH E. MANN.

For Commissioner—Second District
FREDERICK REPPERT.

For Coroner.
DR. CHARLES S. CLARK.

CITY TICKET.

For Mayor
AMOS P. BEATTY.

For Clerk
DAL M. HOWER.

For Treasurer
WILLIAM J. ARCHBOLD.

For Marshal
HARVEY HART.

For Councilman—First Ward.
WILLARD B. SUTTLES.

For Councilman—Second Ward
GEORGE M. HAEFLING.

GEORGE CHRONISTER.

For Councilman—Third Ward
ELIJAH MANN.

Announcement.

To the bimetallicists of the Eighth congressional district of Indiana: I have secured room No. 42, Grand Hotel Indianapolis, Ind., for headquarters during the meeting of the Ohio Valley Bimetallic League to be held at Indianapolis on April 6 and 7, 1898, for all bimetallicists of our district. I desire in this connection also to invite the precinct committees of the several counties of our district to attend said meeting and make our headquarters your home that we may form each other's acquaintance thus better enabling us to carry forward the work of the coming campaign. Yours truly,
VERNON DAVIS.

Stamp the rooster, it is the only popular bird this year.

The organization of a bimetallic club in this city is a step in the right direction. Every democrat should be on hand to show their interest in such an organization.

The first victim of defeat was trotted out Monday night when the first ward republicans nominated Levi Barkley as their candidate for councilman. The ghostly affair took place at the law office of R. S. Peterson and was attended by about half of the recognized g. o. p.

The preparations for the meeting of the Ohio Valley bimetallic league are progressing most satisfactory, and there is every reason to anticipate a large and in every way profitable meeting. The attendance will be general from all parts of the Ohio valley. Good speakers will be in abundance, and those who attend will participate in a genuine love feast of bimetallicism.—Sentinel.

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THE TICKET.

Mayor—Amos P. Beatty.
Clerk—Dal M. Hower.
Treasurer—William J. Archbold.
Marshal—Harvey Hart.
Councilman, First Ward—W. B. Suttles.
Councilmen, Second Ward—George M. Haeffling and George Chronister.
Councilman, Third Ward—Elijah Mann.

The above named ticket is the work of last Friday's nominating primary, and it takes but a glance to reconcile the fact that mighty good work was done by the voting democrats. The campaign then ended was one of much interest, although friendly to the last. Thirty-six candidates were before the party, asking their support, and this fact complicated matters and made the result hard to forecast before the vote was polled. For mayor 673 votes were cast, which is but about forty short of the entire party strength. This indicates the interest that was felt and shows the energy of the voters to place a ticket in the field that will put forth an unbroken front in the campaign now at hand. Of course many of the defeated would also have added equal strength to the ticket, but all of them could not be successful, a fact recognized by every one who entered into the conflict. The ticket is composed of men of character, integrity and business ability, all qualifications that are very necessary and essential with the incoming administration, as they will be confronted with some knotty business problems. The gravity of these problems can faintly be realized when it is known that our indebtedness is estimated at more than \$100,000, and that the income from taxation has been estimated and spent in advance of its collection. We believe that every candidate fully realizes the conditions upon which they are entering, and that they will endeavor always to officiate to the best interests of the people and the taxpayers of the city. Economy will be their watchword. We take pleasure in briefly eulogizing the nominees.

Amos P. Beatty the nominee for mayor, was born in Paducah, Kentucky, March 8, 1853. When the civil war became an agitation his parents came north and settled in Van Wert county, Ohio, where they lived two years and then moved to Union township, this county, where they lived eight years and then removed back to Van Wert county. Mr. Beatty received a thorough common school education, besides attending the Holbrook Normal for two years. After that he taught school for seven years in Van Wert county. Sixteen years ago himself and family moved to Ceylon in this county, where he opened a mercantile store, bought and sold timber and was the G. R. & I. agent for a number of years. During this time he also read law. In 1890 he began reading law with France & Merryman, which he continued without interruption for two years. In 1892 he moved his family here and formed a partnership in law with Paul G. Hooper, which existed for two years, when the present firm of Mann & Beatty was established. He is thoroughly qualified in the profession, and will make a strong candidate at the head of the ticket.

Dallas M. Hower the nominee for clerk, is a Root township production, being born there in 1860. In 1888 he moved to this city, being a carpenter by trade at that time. For five years he has been one of the faithful employees at the meat market of Gerber & Sprunger, where he still holds the fort and will no doubt continue to do so for some time to come. He is clever and a gentleman all over, and will keep the records of the city in a

very competent manner. William J. Archbold is the chosen candidate for treasurer, and as a representative democrat there is no better. He comes from the right stock, being a son of Jeremiah Archbold, known by all the older heads in this city and many of the younger ones as well. The nominee is a native of Root township being born there February 23, 1865. He attended the public schools here and one term at the Portland normal. He was a teacher for seven years, abandoning that profession in 1890 when he moved to this city. In 1892 he bought the news stand which he managed until July of last year. He is at present agent for the Adams Express Company, at which place the office of treasurer will be found after his inauguration into office next September, his election already being taken as a foregone conclusion.

Plain every day Harvey Hart is destined to be marshal of the city of Decatur, he having won a very handsome plurality in that race last Friday. He had some pretty stiff opponents, but his wide popularity soon made him an easy winner. He was born in this city thirty-eight years ago, and it has always been his home. Four years he was located at Columbus, Ohio, and this is the longest of any one time he has been away. He traveled several seasons with a circus, being at the head of Hart & France's celebrated artists. For twenty-four years he was employed in the City Flouring Mills, but at present he owns the west end livery barn.

The councilmen nominated all bear evidence of being men of business ability and their admission as members of the board will be relished by the people who have silently and otherwise noted the high-handed abuses of the present board. W. B. Suttles of the first ward, George Haeffling and George Chronister of the second, and Elijah Mann of the third, are all well qualified to accept the responsibilities that will fall to the lot of a councilman in the next few years. In this they fully realize that business judgment will be in demand, as it requires considerable financial strategy to keep the city's obligations under surveillance. Any one can run in debt but to pay it is where the hair pulls. The ticket from top to bottom contains a fine array of men, in whom the people irrespective of party can safely trust the interests of the city. A vote for them means that the wishes of the people shall be considered always. Stamp the rooster.

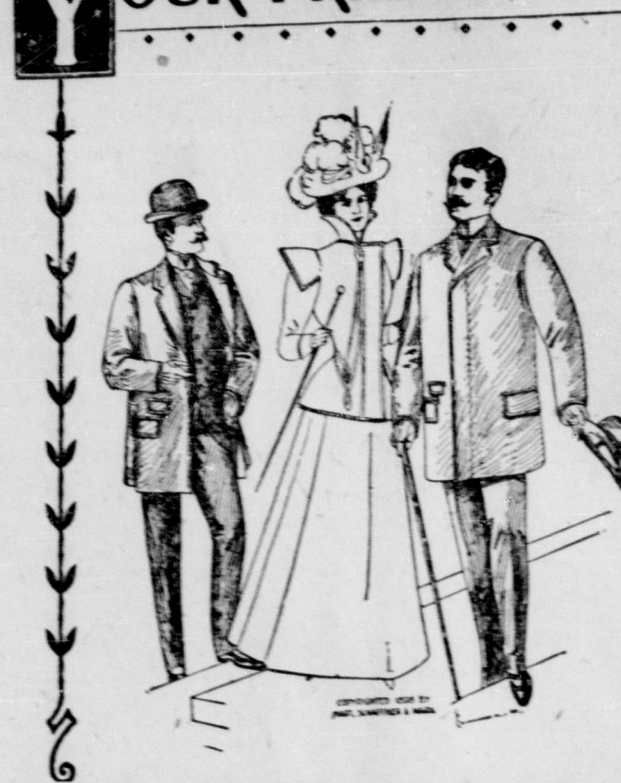
NEWSPAPER advertising is the only successful and legitimate method of placing your business before the public and the people who buy. The DEMOCRAT covers Adams county all over.

It will not be an easy matter to hold congress down until Mr. McKinley's intervention policy can be carried out, although there is very little doubt that it will eventually bring on war with Spain just as certainly as would declaration of war. But there is an opinion with American character to openly declare war upon Spain, regardless of European opinion, than to virtually force Spain to take the initiative in the war, by acting under the cloak of humanity.

ATTEND the free silver meeting at the court house tonight at which time the organization of a bimetallic club will take place. These organizations have spread all over Indiana, and Decatur and Adams county should show their loyalty by such a club. Local speakers will entertain the assemblage by short addresses upon this one grand issue that is so important to the welfare and prosperity of this country. Be present tonight and help in the organization.

THE Hon. I. P. Watts, one of Madison county's candidates for congress, subject to the republican nominating convention, held here May 24, was circulating among our faithful Monday. He is known over part of the district as the singing soldier statesman, and upon the occasion of his visit here was looking supremely happy in the belief that the nomination was chasing him so hard he could not get away from it. It is a very pleasant way to break into congress, and we know many people who would give a good deal for the receipt.

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WAR TALK.

The report of the investigating committee of the Maine disaster has been communicated by the president to congress. Its findings do not differ materially from the predictions made in advance by the press dispatches. The total report can be told in a few lines:

1. That the loss of the Maine was not the result of negligence on the part of any officers or members of her crew.
2. That the ship was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine, which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines.
3. That no evidence has been obtained fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons.

It had been predicted that the report would contain something sensational, but nothing appears, and the people are clouded in doubt as much now as they were before. The message of the president was looked forward to with even greater interest than the report itself, but in submitting the report the president seems helpless and recommends nothing save and except "deliberate consideration." Much disappointment is expressed at the cold manner of the chief executive, and many of those who gloried in a patriotic president, have collapsed into disgust. He says "I do not permit myself to doubt that the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate a course of action suggested by honor and the friendly relations of the two governments." This would indicate an intention to proceed with the matter through diplomatic channels only. No indemnity has been demanded of Spain, and the report suggests no responsibility upon the Spanish government. In all the public knows but little more about the sad affair than they did before the report and message were submitted to congress, and while there is said to be a view of peace in Washington, there does not appear to be any elsewhere. Fifty republican congressmen Tuesday openly declared for the independence of Cuba by armed intervention. This indicates that their blood is riled to the core and should the president not act with promptness, then congress will take the matter in their own hands. The next few days may be exciting ones and every development is being eagerly watched by an anxious public. In our telegraphic columns on second page, the findings of the court will be found.

The ticket nominated by the democrats last Friday is representative and demands the united support of every democrat and favorable consideration from every other party man. They are men who have at heart the interests and welfare of the city and are not looking forward to the paltry salary as their only consideration. They come from nearly every business pursuit, including the daily laborer, and have no schemes to unfold, or speculations to make in sand, bonds or other securities. They come from the people fully realizing the impatience manifested with the present "business administration," and they pledge themselves to a faithful performance of their official duty. Every democrat owes it to their party to vote and work for the ticket and every taxpayer owes it to themselves to vote for a radical change in the management of our city government. Stamp the rooster.

The republicans meet at the court house tomorrow evening to nominate candidates for city offices. At present writing there is not a very healthy growth of candidates, and the outlook is not bright for the enlistment of new recruits. J. W. Teeple and D'French Quinn have both been mentioned in connection with the mayoralty nomination, either of whom would be badly snowed under by an old fashioned democratic majority. It has been wisely decreed that there will be no monkeying with the band wagon this year.

OFFICIAL VOTE, CITY PRIMARY.

	First Ward	Sec'd Ward	Third Ward	Total	Plural't's
FOR MAYOR.					
Archbold.....	25	55	70	150	
Bobo.....	3	3	0	6	
Baughman.....	4	2	5	11	
Byers.....	19	31	16	66	
Beatty.....	64	109	102	275	125
Blackburn.....	30	22	27	79	
Coverdale.....	11	13	1	25	
France.....	1	2	1	4	
Luckey.....	2	2	2	6	
Patterson.....	8	22	25	55	
FOR CLERK.					
Hower.....	54	102	130	286	74
Lenhart.....	25	49	25	99	
Merryman.....	28	26	9	63	
Meibers.....	48	78	86	212	
FOR TREASURER.					
Archbold.....	49	104	132	285	39
Christen.....	59	109	78	246	
Jackson.....	12	24	19	55	
LeBrun.....	37	20	14	71	
FOR MARSHAL.					
Albright.....	11	23	9	43	
Baker.....	44	68	76	188	
Cowan.....	31	52	43	126	
Hart.....	57	104	105	266	78
Reynolds.....	18	9	11	38	
Yager.....	5	5	4	14	
FOR COUNCILMEN.					
Haley.....	26				
Merica.....	48				
Suttles.....	85				37
Geo Chronister.....		112			34
Haeffling.....		114			36
Hunsicker.....		78			
LeBrun.....		74			
Meibers.....		77			
Smith.....		10			
Linn.....			85		
Lister.....			76		
Mann.....			89		4

Committeeman, first ward, Peter Frank.
Committeeman, second ward, Ed Coffee.
Committeeman, third ward, Peter Gaffer.

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