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It cost \$11,638.77 to hold the city election at Indianapolis, not a small amount of money.

PRESIDENT McKINLEY has designated Thursday, November 30, a day of Thanksgiving and prayer.

The whiskey trust has dismissed 380 traveling salesmen, all from Kentucky. Good thing, these trusts.

THE DEMOCRAT and Sentinel one year one dollar—all the news of national, state and local importance.

It is now Warden Shideler of the prison north, he having taken charge of that institution today, succeeding Warden Harley.

The effort to pardon from the penitentiary John Johnson the Loganport bank wrecker, has rightly failed, so he will serve out his allotted sentence of ten years.

The dedication of Allen county's new court house will take place some time next spring, and will be made a great event in the history of the county. It is a beautiful structure.

SENATOR MASON of Illinois, threatens to resign from the United States senate, because his anti-administration views are so emphatic that he can not endorse the policy of the president.

GOVERNOR MOUNT now says that if the republican party in their next national platform failed to declare against trusts, Indiana would go democratic. They will say enough, the Lord knows, but there is a wide divergence between saying something and acting upon the same declaration.

THE Plymouth Democrat, Hon. Daniel McDonald's newspaper, very emphatically endorses B. F. Shively of South Bend, as the democratic candidate for governor, with Mayor Taggart as a running mate. While there is some merit in this political combination, yet it in no way compares with the former announcements of the Hon. Sam Ralston for governor.

THE name of M. M. Hathaway of Winamac, has been suggested for chairman of the democratic state central committee. Mr. Hathaway is prominent in democratic circles and has some ability in organization.

THE Hon. Vernon Davis, district committeeman from this district, is home from an extended absence spent in Colorado. According to published statements since his return, he comes back imbued with high hopes of Bryan and democratic success in 1900.

ALLEN W. CLARK and Gil Shanklin, silver democrats, are having their razors sharpened for Editor Moss of the Indianapolis Sentinel in his announced purpose to be a delegate to the next national convention. Senator Drummond of Plymouth, is also practicing with the punching bag, it is asserted.—Goshen News.

TIME makes changes in the political attitude of men. In 1896 but one newspaper in New York City championed the cause of Bryan and his election. Now and in 1900 seven newspapers in that city will support him, while but four will take up the cause of McKinley and the administration. What is true of Greater New York is also true of many other sections of the nation. The outlook for political success certainly looks bright and rosy from a democratic point of view.

HON. WILLIAM H. HARKINS of Jay county, has been suggested for chairman of the democratic state committee. Mr. Harkins is a recognized force in politics in Eastern Indiana. He was at one time a member of the state central committee, and has been a presidential elector and a member of the legislature. Until recently he was deputy revenue collector, stationed at Fort Wayne. If chosen state chairman, Mr. Harkins will prove a vigorous and intelligent manager.—Frankfort Crescent.

MR. MOSS, editor of the Indianapolis Sentinel, announces himself as a candidate for delegate at large to the next national convention. His candor is to be commended. When one wants anything he ought not to be too modest to ask for it. We presume he will also be candid enough to say that he will make the race on the basis of his prepared interview published in the Chicago Times-Herald during the summer in which he announced that the democracy could not succeed in 1900 on a platform declaring for the remonetization of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. If the democracy of Indiana wish to repudiate the silver issue they cannot more effectually accomplish that result than by selecting him to represent them in the national convention as requested.—Plymouth Democrat.

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GOVERNOR PINGREE of Michigan, has a few words to say about the war in the Philippines: "It is inhuman and should be stopped. It will cost the republican party the presidential election next year. The administration has so committed itself to the Philippine war that it cannot recede now and hold the respect of the country. It seems to be a case where the administration cannot retreat and it also appears that it is making little advance. I think the administration would like to find a way to let go, but that cannot now be done with dignity. Even McKinley's two-spot Burrows, says that the Philippine war means the election of a democratic president next year. The war against Spain for Cuban liberty was all right and for humanity's sake, but the war should have ceased when Spain was driven out of Cuba. It is nothing short of a crime to wage war against the Filipinos, who are struggling for their liberty the same as this country did over a century ago. The republican party committed as it is to trusts, imperialism and the Philippine war, I can see nothing for it but an overwhelming defeat and the election of a democratic president."

THE republicans can carry Adams county at the next election. The big split in the democratic party, backed up by the general satisfaction of the republican administration, will do it.—Journal.

How cruel. The Journal editor is surely not authority on "splits" for every one of his seventy-seven predecessors made similar predictions, and still the world moves on. When he lives here longer he will know better than to stake his reputation upon splits in the democratic party. As to the "general satisfaction of the republican administration"—we presume he means national—we advise a second perusal of public and published statements, coming from such well known statesmen as the Hon. John Sherman of Ohio, Senator George F. Hoar of Massachusetts, Carl Schurz who was a cabinet officer under Hayes, George S. Boutwell, secretary of the treasury during the great civil war, Senator Eugene Hale of Maine, Senator William E. Mason of Illinois, and Thomas B. Reed, who by the way is a most distinguished republican and who may be given a presidential nomination in 1900. If the Journal does the occasion justice it will be kept busy announcing its own party splits.

### THE BRITISH AND THE BOERS.

British aggression and rapacity in South Africa are excused by certain newspapers upon the ground that the English have a higher civilization than the boers have. According to this logic, theft or malicious trespass would be held excusable when committed by an university graduate and held criminal when committed by an uneducated person. This is the kind of ethics which would habitually forgive the millionaire or syndicate and convict the person of low station who when hungry steals a loaf of bread. In truth, the higher the civilization the greater should be the responsibility. If the brand of civilization, now called Anglo-Saxon, is so superior to the ordinary article it will extend itself without the employment of medieval land grabbing methods. But will the statement that the victims belong to an inferior race hold good as to the boers? The boers are of Dutch descent. The population of the Transvaal contains a "sprinkling" of French Huguenots. The civilization of either race is not so decidedly inferior to that of England. Many of the people of New York state pride themselves on their Dutch descent. In South Carolina many take a similar pride in their French Huguenot extraction. A nation which continues the law of primogeniture, and an expensive order of nobility, and which maintains also a church establishment has yet much room for improvement. The English people cling to many ideas and customs which our forefathers discarded during the American revolution. The essential principles of free government in the United States were received from the Dutch republic. When the Puritans left England to escape persecution they found religious liberty in Holland. The affording of an asylum to the pilgrims was later repaid by a perfidious attack of an English fleet on New Amsterdam, now New York, and the transfer of the possessions of the Netherlands in North America to England. When the Hollanders were struggling to resist the invasion of the Spanish and French and were forced to open the dykes to drive out their tormentors, they appealed to England for aid and it was refused. When the arbitrary James II was converting England into a cruel despotism, the English people appealed to the Dutch and William III rescued for them their constitutional liberties. The preservation of the liberties of Englishmen was thus due to the republic of Holland. That same Holland was an inspiration and model for our forefathers in their struggle against British oppression in 1776. The practical practices of England are not the best examples for a nation which had its origin in the adoption of the declaration of independence. The spectacle of Great Britain attempting to destroy the only republic in Africa and the United States destroying in its incipency the only republic in Asia is one which should cause us to consider whether we have not substituted the principles of Governors Andros and Tyrone for those of Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson. In the revival of the old contest between whigs and Tories we shall see whether the principles of self-government and republicanism will not yet prevail. England wanted a pretext for the grabbing of territory and mines in the Transvaal and found this in the suffrage laws of the boers. Imagine England attempting to dictate what the laws of suffrage in the United States or any great nation should be.—Sentinel.

### CHAIRMAN JONES' WISE WORDS.

Chairman Jones of the democratic national committee is with us again, having arrived home from Europe Oct. 9. Senator Jones talks from the shoulder as to the issue in 1900. Directly upon his arrival he was interviewed by a reporter of the associated press on democratic prospects. He said: "Bryan will be nominated without a doubt. He will also be elected, I think, by the largest electoral and popular vote ever received by a Democratic candidate. The silver coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1 will be the principal issue. This will put the Republicans at a great disadvantage, for after having gone on record for gold, that party will not even attempt the dodge that fooled so many bimetallic voters in 1896. I refer to that plank in the last Republican platform pledging free silver coinage by international agreement. Two-thirds of the American people believe in the principle of bimetalism, and when the proposition is a plain one as between the republican party and the democratic party and its allies, the people will not take long to register their verdict. The ratio of 16 to 1 is just as sacred as ever, and on it rests our whole cause so far as bimetalism is concerned. The free coinage of silver is, however, but one part of the great financial problem that confronts us. The national banks are now issuing a large portion of the paper circulating medium, and they practically control the circulation of all the rest. The Chicago platform explicitly declared against national bank notes and for government currency alone as the circulating medium. Our next national platform will deal more fully with this proposition, and when the question is fairly put, 'Whether shall the government or the national bankers' trust issue our paper circulating medium?' it will not take the people long to decide that the national bankers' trust must be abolished. The platform of 1900 will be the platform of 1896 in sentiment, and the truths of the Chicago platform will be further emphasized. The only additional plank will

be one declaring against militarism. This will, however, be determined by events of the next few months." When asked what effect he thought the "prosperity" in the western states would have, Senator Jones said: "Yes; I know they say at Washington that the country is in a highly prosperous condition and perhaps that is correct from certain standpoints. But I cannot see that there is any great material prosperity. According to the local country papers more mortgages are being foreclosed in the producing states this year than ever before. The prosperity does not appear to have affected the farmer, nor has it done much as yet for the laborer in general. Cotton and wheat have not made any advance to speak of in price. That argument can be readily answered when the time comes. Of course there has been an increase in the output of gold, and that is bound to affect prices in some degree, greater or less. But that is only a proof of the arguments advanced by us in 1896 that what the country needed was a greater volume of money in circulation." When asked what effect he thought the alleged prosperity would have on the voter in general, he said in emphatic tones: "It will affect only those men who are very narrow in their political and social views."

The above is characteristic of the field marshal of Democracy. Senator Jones never equivocates on any subject, and is always pleasingly blunt when speaking of Democratic principles. He stands easily on his feet and is not shying any castors into the camps of the Clevelandites. "The doors of democracy are open to all who like the party's principles," he says, "but those principles will not be trimmed to suit any man or set of men."

NEWSPAPER GOSSIPS say that Dewey will soon wed the Widow Hazen City dailies who persist in turning up their noses at their country cousins, give this announcement a couple of columns of valuable space.

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