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For President in 1900,
WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

Beware of the men who are always
trying to defend the scoundrels who
are fattening on public plunder. A
close inspection will generally reveal
the fact that they are sharing in the
booty.—Hebron News.

What will be the next move of
the ring to "down" THE DEMOCRAT?

The Indianapolis city election
occurs next Tuesday. Indications
are that Taggart will be re-
elected mayor by an increased
majority.

Six voting machines will be used
in as many precincts at the Indianapolis
city election next Tuesday.
The experiment will no
doubt be most satisfactory.

The expert examination of the
books of Blackford county officers
has been completed. Treasurer
Rawlings, according to the report,
has \$40 coming to him. The report
also showed that ex-Clerk
Caldwell is short over \$2,700. The
shortage of ex-Sheriff Covault is
said to be about \$600 in two terms,
and another ex-sheriff \$400 in one
term.

"The fiscal year for the formation
of corporations ended to-day at noon," says a special dispatch
from Trenton, N. J., dated Sept.
30, to the Chicago Inter Ocean,
the great republican organ of the
West, "and the report of the secretary
of state shows that there were
1,944 companies chartered during
the twelve months. The capital
stocks which these concerns were
authorized to issue amounted to
\$3,500,000,000."

A few days ago Gov. Pingree of
Michigan, in an interview, predicted
the overwhelming defeat of his party in
the next national campaign. He said, among other
things: "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 and
house of representatives."

During the month of September,
1898, there were placed on record in
the recorder's office of Jasper county,
28 real estate mortgages, aggregating
\$26,363.04; 59 chattel mortgages, aggregating
\$38,258.91; 4 mechanics' liens, aggregating
\$144.23; a grand total of
\$64,759.18. During the same period
this year, 31 real estate mortgages,
aggregating \$25,152; 73 chattel mortgages, aggregating
\$31,517.16; 4 mechanics' liens, aggregating
\$625; a total of \$56,295.16, were placed on record.

"Vanderbilt's income," the Logansport Pharos says, "was \$16.50 per minute on the day of his death, and it had averaged \$15 per minute for several years. It is now discovered that all he got out of his income was some food, wearing apparel, and a good bed. He perhaps enjoyed less happiness than the man who by his daily toil earned two dollars for ten hours' work, possessed a good suit of Sunday clothes, slept in a clean bed prepared by a dutiful helpmate, and spent his leisure hours at home surrounded by happy, prattling children."

Four years ago the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad and the Indiana Coal Road were consolidated and a representative of the company appeared at the Secretary of State's office with the articles of consolidation. When the Secretary got through figuring and told him that the state's fee was \$25,000 the company's representative picked up the articles and took them up. The state held that the handing of the articles of consolidation to the Secretary was filing under the law, and sued for the fee. Tuesday the supreme court finally disposed of the case, holding in favor of the state, and giving a judgement for the fee and interest to the present time.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

The Mays Fined \$100 and \$50 Respectively—Other Court Notes.

The last week of the regular term of the Jasper circuit court closes to-day, but it is now probable that the Lake county railroad cases will be tried next week, the matter coming up yesterday.

Divorces have been granted Harry Zimmerman, the Fair Oaks operator, from Anna E. Zimmerman, on the grounds of abandonment, and Louise Cornwall of De Motte, from Edward H. Cornwall, for failure to provide.

Tuesday was the state's May day, and the whole ten cases against James A. and Frank May were bunched and tried as one, with the result of a decision of guilty being rendered by Judge Thompson and a fine of \$100 and costs assessed to James A. May, and \$50 and costs to Frank May.

This case is familiar to most of our readers, as it has attracted considerable attention, we will give a brief history of the trouble.

On the night of June 21, or morning of the 22, Frank May, who farmed some of his father's land in Princeton tp., White county, claimed to have had a load of ear corn stolen from his crib. The loss was discovered about 6 a.m., June 22. Frank, according to the Mays' evidence, notified his father, James A. May, and the two got on horseback, and, they swore, followed a fresh wagon track from the gap leading to the crib to the home of Jacob Dluzak, an aged German farmer residing near Center school house, Milroy tp., this county. They saw a farm wagon in which they claimed was scattering grains of corn, near the barn, and, passing on to the crib, found about 30 bushels of corn in one end of same.

Without getting into the crib to investigate further, they identified the corn, they claimed, as the particular load that had been stolen from their crib, and, going up toward the house where old Mr. Dluzak was grinding a mowing machine sickle, they attempted, without a warrant or any legal authority to arrest him.

Dluzak, the Mays declared, protested his innocence and raised the sickle as if to strike the elder May, when Frank pulled a loaded revolver and told the old man to "hold on," at which he turned partly around with the upraised sickle toward Frank. Then Al May seized a hammer lying near by and struck the old man a blow on the head and he went down, releasing his hold on the sickle. They then took him by the shoulders and started to take him with them. He still resisted, and by this time Mrs. Dluzak—who was in delicate condition—several small children and a girl and a boy came up, and Mrs. Dluzak caught hold of Al May's arm and tried to make him loosen his hold. At this time, the Mays say, the old man was crowding the younger May pretty hard and Al hit him again upon the head with the hammer, and again he fell to the ground. Dluzak at this time had no weapon of defense in his hand. He was then lifted up and walked several rods and placed in a wagon and taken to Wolcott, where a warrant was gotten out charging him with stealing the corn. The evidence was declared insufficient to hold him and he was released. Dluzak claimed to have been badly injured by the blows from the hammer and kicks and bruises which he says were administered by the Mays, and for several days was under the care of a physician. After he had recovered sufficiently to be removed he was again arrested on the corn stealing charge and taken to Monticello, where the evidence was again deemed insufficient and he was once more discharged.

Three state cases were filed in the Jasper circuit court against the Mays soon after and the last grand jury returned seven more indictments against them, the indictments charging assault, assault with intent to kill, etc., upon not only Mr. Dluzak, but upon Mrs. Dluzak and two or three of the children, whom the Dluzaks claimed had been knocked down, brutally thrown over a fence, ill treated and abused by the Mays at this time. In the trial just had, however, the Mays both swore that they touched no one but the old man, and that they used no vile nor abusive language to other members of the family.

Dluzak's counsel claimed that he could prove where he got the corn in question, that he had come by it honestly; that it was not the variety of corn raised by the Mays; that the assaults were entirely unprovoked, etc., and that he had witnesses in court to prove conclusively all these facts.

The elder May is 56 years of age and will probably weigh about 200

pounds. The son is 24 and weighs 160. Dluzak is 74 years of age and will probably weigh about 140 pounds.

A regiment of witnesses were on hand at the trial but not many were used.

In addition to the state cases, Dluzak has begun civil suit against James A. May, for damages, in the White circuit court, the amount asked for being \$10,000. May is a well to do farmer and the case will no doubt be hotly contested.

The state was represented in the trial by the prosecuting attorney, Sills of Monticello, and an attorney from Wolcott. E. B. Sellers of Monticello, and M. B. Beard of Wolcott, were attorneys for the Mays.

The jury was recalled Thursday.

Case of State vs Wm. Martin, securing goods under false pretenses; acquittal.

Lesh vs Gifford, line fence case; court held in favor of plaintiff on 20 acres, and against him on the other 20 acres.

The case of Peters vs Jones; action to quiet title, was on trial yesterday. This is a Kniman case.

Commissioners' Court.

The regular October term of commissioners' court convened Monday. Following is a report of their doing as appears on record:

J. T. Lamson, petition for road between Jasper and Newton counties; Addison Parkison, Sr., appointed to meet the commissioners of Newton county at Brook on Monday, Oct. 9, and proceed as provided by law and file report on or before Nov. 1, 1899.

In matter of Union Lakin ditch; prayer of petition granted and the surveyor directed to allot the ditch in accordance with the provision of the statute.

J. A. Lamborn petitioned for 4 new bridges in Carpenter. Plans and specifications ordered for one 60-foot bridge, contract to be let Oct. 23.

J. E. Troxer, engineer, was appointed to prepare plans and specifications for the new bridges ordered constructed, at a cost not to exceed 2 per cent. of the completed bridges.

John R. Knight et al petition for ditch; B. J. Gifford filed motion to quash notice, overruled. He then filed motion to dismiss proceedings, again overruled. Exceptions taken, remonstrance and bond filed. Bond approved. J. F. Warren, J. M. Wasson and Rolla Newman appointed reviewees to meet Oct. 12 and report on or before Oct. 20.

In matter of Bonk ditch; prayer of petition granted and petitioners time for completing his allotment extended to March 1, 1900.

Final report made in P. R. James et al ditch and same was approved.

In matter of A. W. Prevo's petition for two new bridges in Gilham tp.; plans, etc., ordered and contract to be let Oct. 23.

Ethan A. Bartoo et al petition for ditch in Carpenter tp.; ditch ordered established on viewers' report. Viewers ordered to meet at auditor's office Oct. 16 and make final report.

Bids will be received Oct. 24 for a heating system at the poor asylum.

Alix Merica et al petition for road in Pulaski and Jasper counties; John O'Connor appointed commissioner to meet commissioner of Pulaski county at Francesville, Oct. 28, and report at Nov. 1.

Plans and specification were ordered for an 80-foot bridge in Marion tp., petitioned for by Trustee Babcock.

The bond of Robt. A. Parkison, treasurer elect, was fixed at \$160,000. Mr. Parkison takes his office Jan. 1, 1900.

The amount of unloaned school funds on hand Oct. 1, is given at \$2,195.

Following are the bills allowed:

E G Warner, supt Keener tp gravel rods.	\$120.00
C A Walker, work on gravel roads.	52.50
Charles Reed, same.	16.25
Ancel Potts, same.	17.50
Edgar Gay, same.	15.00
Ephriam Fleming, same.	1.25
A G Burns, same.	46.25
John Dougherty, same.	17.50
David Emery, same.	2.50
Robert Blake, same.	12.50
Ed Bruce, same.	30.50
Morgan Shields, same.	16.25
John Smith, same.	18.25
Godfrey Shields, same.	62
Louis Wildberg (assignee), same.	8.87
John Egan (assignee), same.	7.50
Harry McGee, same.	13.75
W. H. Stephenson, same.	6.25
Matt Ramey, same.	6.25
Ren Clifton, same.	37
Louis Wildberg (assignee), same.	2.87
John S Ramey, same.	7.00
J W Paxton & Co., same for same.	10.00
New Castle Bridge Co., 3 steel arch brgs.	125.00
Wm Dougherty, work on gravel roads.	21.75
Edward Price, same.	13.75
Harve Grant, same.	23.75
Hugh McKinney, same.	26.00
Bert Walsh, same.	7.00

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John Bowes, same.

Warner Bros., mdse for same.

G W Terrellager, work on gravel rods.

Thomas Dougherty, same.

C J Phegley, same.

Charlie Patrick, same.

Moses Davison, same.

Harvey Grant, same.

E C English, sal. sec. Bd of Health.

T J Joiner, laundry for court house.

Thomas Cain, work on gravel rods.

John Wood, same.

Al Ramey, same.

Dallas Nichols, same.

Harry Alter, same.

F W Rutherford, same.

W H Stephenson, same.

M B Price, work on ditches.

Bruce Porter, same.

Warner Bros., mdse poor farm.

Same, for same, jail.

E C English, exp. Bd of Health.

Sylvester Galbreath, mdse etc.

J T Joiner, sal. as janitor for Sept.

J P Hammond, postage truant officer.

Same, services as truant officer.

C C Starr, supplies et cetera.

J T Penn, sprinkling for county.

Joseph Adams, work on gravel roads.

C J Thirls, engineering on ditches.

Wm. Woodworth, work on ditches.

D B Bacock, burial Union soldier.

R White & Son, livery for com.

M H Hemphill & Son, same.

Thos Murphy work on ditches.

Verne Robinson, work at boiler house.

Thor Donnelly, work on gravel roads.

City of Rensselaer, lights for July.

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Renicker Bros. Mdse poor farm.

H L Gamble, work on ditches.

Ed Fairchild, rodman on Keener tp gr r.

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