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## DEMOCRATIC STANDARD BEARERS.

Photographs and Sketches of the Candidates Who Will Grace Our County

Ticket at the November Election, 1902.—A Ticket Worthy of the Cordial Support of All Good Citizens In the County.



ALBERT BOUK, OF WALKER TOWNSHIP.  
Candidate for County Auditor.

**A**LBERT BOUK, candidate for Auditor of Jasper County, is, as the name indicates, of German extraction, and was born in an old log schoolhouse in Walker township on the site of his present home, thirty-three years ago, and has spent his life there except when at school. He received a good common school education and also attended the Rensselaer High School and the Valparaiso Normal. He began teaching school at the age of 18, and taught his last term in 1899-1900. As a teacher and in his present occupation of farming he was and is a success. He is thoroughly well qualified to fill the office for which he was nominated, and, if elected, will take personal charge of the same and give it his undivided attention, and we confidently believe would prove the most courteous, able and obliging official that has ever filled the position in this county.

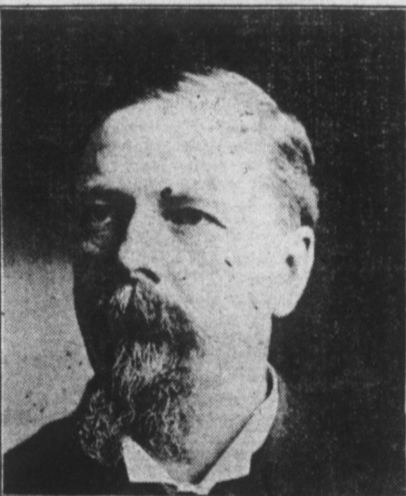
A gentleman, a scholar, a fine penman and book-keeper, a man whose personal habits are above reproach, industrious, honest, conscientious, the office of County Auditor can safely be entrusted to his keeping.



MASON KENTON, OF UNION TOWNSHIP.  
Candidate for County Sheriff.

**M**ASON KENTON, our candidate for Sheriff, is also a native of this county. He was born January 22, 1861, on the farm where he now resides, in Marion township. Mr. Kenton comes from good old Democratic stock, and is a direct descendant of Simon Kenton, the noted Indian fighter who with Daniel Boone formed the first settlement (Boonesboro) in Kentucky, and after whom the city of Kenton, Ohio, was named. The subject of this sketch was married February 18, 1884, to Miss Lucinda Zard of this county, and they have three children, two daughters and a young deputy sheriff born a few weeks ago.

Mr. Kenton acquired a good common school education and has followed farming and stock-raising, at which he has been eminently successful. He is a man of correct habits, good business ability, honest, popular and well qualified to fill the office of sheriff in an able and painstaking manner. His neighbors and others who are intimately acquainted with him say: "There are no better men in Jasper county than Mason Kenton." What higher meed of praise can be paid him than this, coming as it does from people who have known him from boyhood?



DR. WARREN W. MERRILL, OF RENSSELAER.  
Candidate for County Coroner.

**D**R. WARREN W. MERRILL, our candidate for County Coroner, is a practicing physician of Rensselaer. He is a native of Lake county, this state, and was born April 29, 1855. He was born on a farm and

worked upon the farm until about 15 years of age, then attended school at Crown Point and Valparaiso. He taught school for two terms in Lake county, then entered the Bennett Electric Medical College at Chicago, graduating from that institution in 1880. He practiced medicine in Hammond and the adjacent towns for 22 years, locating at Rensselaer in 1901, where he has built up a good practice. He was married in 1882 and has two daughters, one of 19 years and one of 14.

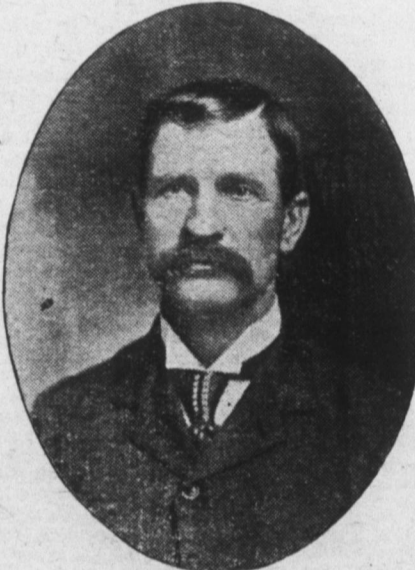
Dr. Merrill was twice elected trustee of North township, Lake county, which then included all the schools of Hammond, East Chicago and Whiting. He was also a member of the U. S. pension examining board under the Cleveland administration and was surgeon for the different railroads entering Hammond, also medical examiner for various life insurance companies. He is a man of commanding presence, great mental force, liberal minded, a scholar and a gentleman, in every way qualified to perform the duties of coroner in an able and intelligent manner.



JOHN H. JESSEN, OF RENSSELAER.  
Candidate for County Surveyor.

**J**OHN H. JESSEN, the candidate for County Surveyor, was born upon a farm near Beaver City, Newton county, May 12, 1860. He worked on the farm and attended school during the winter until 19 years of age. In 1880-81 he attended the Central Indiana Normal at Danville. He was married in 1883 to Miss Jennie S. Jackson of Boone county, and they have a family of four children, three boys and one girl. He moved to Rensselaer in 1884 and has since resided here. Mr. Jessen has had many years experience in civil engineering and construction on gravel roads, ditches, etc., and is a competent surveyor. Last year he was assistant engineer in making the survey for the Beaver, McClellan, Lake and Grant township stone roads in Newton county, and in the former—34 miles—he did all the preliminary work. He has also done considerable civil engineering, notable among which was the Main street gutter and Macadam improvement at Brook, of which he had complete charge.

Of clean moral character, well educated and a thoroughly well posted man in every way, Mr. Jessen is exceptionally well qualified to administer the duties of County Surveyor in an intelligent, economical manner, to the complete satisfaction of all parties having business with that office as well as the people of the county in general.



ELLIS JONES, OF CARPENTER TOWNSHIP.  
Candidate for County Treasurer.

**E**LLIS JONES, the candidate for that most important position of County Treasurer, the official through whose hands every dollar of the state, county, township and municipal funds of the county passes, (except Remington, which corporation collects her own city taxes), is a native of Benton county, this state. He was born in Gilboa township, south of Remington, Sept. 1, 1855, and therefore is 47 years of age at this time—right in the prime of active business life. In 1860 his parents moved to Jefferson township, Newton county, residing there six years. They then moved to this county and settled in Carpenter township. Later the subject of this sketch moved to Jordan township, locating near Foresman, and after six years residence there, in 1890, returned to Carpenter town-

ship, where he has since resided. He was married in 1886 to Miss Nancy E. Gray of Carpenter township. They had no children. His wife died in January, 1900. February last he moved to Remington, where he now resides.

Ellis Jones is well and most favorably known in this county, and is a man eminently fitted to fill any office, county or district, within the gift of the people. Of pleasing address, strong personality and obliging, coupled with sterling integrity and a man who has always proven a success at whatever he has undertaken, Mr. Jones will, if elected, make an ideal county treasurer, one who will truly and faithfully discharge the obligations of the office and at the expiration of his term account for every penny of the hundreds of thousands of dollars that will have passed through his hands. In education, penmanship and all other necessary qualifications he is most excellently fitted for the position, and no voter who supports him at the polls in November will ever regret having done so.



EUGENE W. ALLEN, OF KANKAKEE TOWNSHIP.  
Candidate for Commissioner, First District.

**E**UGENE W. ALLEN, candidate for Commissioner from the First District, was born at Indianapolis, Dec. 20, 1845, and is therefore almost 57 years of age at this time. His father moved to Lafayette in 1853, and in 1858 was elected Justice of the Peace, being re-elected at each recurring election until his death in 1876. The subject of this sketch attended school at Lafayette and acquired a good education. In 1863 he began learning telegraphy, and in 1864 commenced work for the Wabash railroad at Roanoke, Ind., and worked one year. He then returned to Lafayette and attended school for two years more, later going to work again for the Wabash company and continuing with it until 1873, a part of which time he occupied the important position of train dispatcher. In 1873 he went to work for what is now the Big Four railroad, and remained with that system until 1892, most of which time he was train dispatcher. From 1869 to 1872 he was stationed at Danville, Ill., where in 1870 he was married. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have two sons and one daughter—John S. Allen of Kankakee, Ill., Edward W. Allen of Anderson, and Mrs. Simon Fendig of Wheatfield.

No wrecks were ever chargeable to Mr. Allen as train dispatcher, but he preferred a less strenuous life, and in 1892 he moved to Kankakee township, this county, where he has since successfully managed the big Luce ranch for his sisters. He is a man of clear, calm judgment, irreplicable in character and business integrity, and a man whom his neighbors unite in saying is a gentleman and a scholar, and most excellently fitted to represent the First district and the taxpayers of the whole county, irrespective of party, on the board of county commissioners. His election means much to the taxpayers of Jasper county, the great majority of whom we believe desire to have public business conducted along honorable and safe lines.

### HOME FROM MISSOURI.

Messrs. W. B. Flesher, J. F. Welch, J. E. Kunkler, Ira Kunkler, T. F. Weaver and W. E. Kunkler have arrived home from Henry Co., Mo., where they went to look at the country, and while there bought farms. They report threshing of wheat and oats going on, wheat making 25 to 40 bushels and oats 40 to 50 bushels to the acre. Some of the corn is in roasting ears and bids fair to make a big crop. Timothy and clover meadows are cutting around 2 tons to the acre.

### BIG RAIN ON THE 4TH OF JULY.

Mr. L. D. Welch who has just returned from a trip to S. Dak., said: "The section of that country that I saw had a very heavy rain the fourth of July. The farmers are cutting rye and the crop is large this year. The rest of the crops are doing fine and chances are for a big harvest in everything. Corn is a little larger out there than it

is here and is not hurt by high water so far."

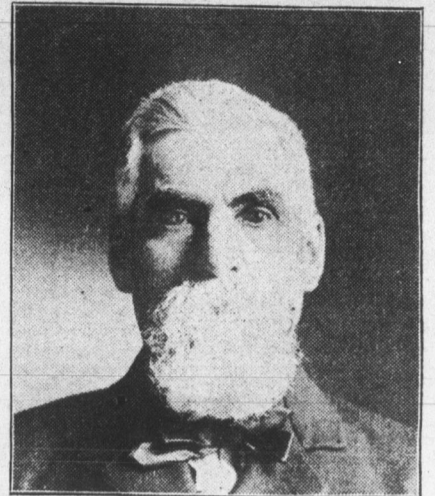
The above items were both both clipped from a Bloomington paper of July 8. We have a large list of lands for sale in both of these sections. Call on us.

JONES BROTHERS,  
Remington, Ind.

### JAMES W. COWDEN DIES.

James W. Cowden, who moved upon a small farm near Logansport last winter, died last Saturday after a brief illness from Bright's disease. The remains were brought here for interment Monday. The funeral was held Tuesday at 11 a. m., from the M. E. church, and the burial made in Weston cemetery, the Odd Fellows having charge of the burial services. Deceased was aged 50 years, 9 months and 26 days. He leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Effie Burk and Miss Dessie Cowden.

Read The Democrat for news.



FRANCIS M. PARKER, OF MARION TOWNSHIP.  
Candidate for Commissioner, Second Dist.

**F**RANCIS M. PARKER, candidate for Commissioner in the Second District, is a man well known throughout central Jasper and is a man whose business and private character is above reproach in every way. A successful and intelligent farmer, well versed in the needs of the county and the duties of a commissioner, he is exceedingly well qualified to fill the office with honor and dignity.

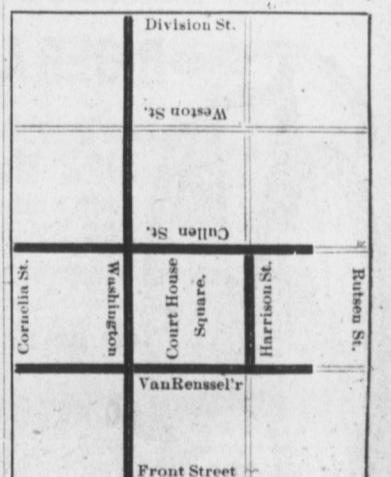
Mr. Parker was born in Champaign county, Ohio, Oct. 20, 1843, and at the age of four years his parents removed to Indiana and settled in Gillam township. In November, 1867, the subject of this sketch was married to Miss Matilda J. Walker, and five children were born to them, four—three boys and one girl—are now living. Mr. Parker has always been a farmer and is a man who has mixed brain with muscle, with the result that he has been most successful at this calling and has always been classed as one of Jasper County's most up-to-date farmers. In 1893 he moved upon a small farm just outside the corporation of Rensselaer, where he has a fine and commodious residence, but he still owns a large farm in Marion township, now occupied by his son, Korah Parker.

A man of rare business judgment and firmness of character, honored and respected by all who know him, a man who regards public office as a sacred obligation rather than a private snap, Mr. Parker would make an ideal county commissioner.

**F**RANCIS M. WELSH, the candidate for Commissioner from the Third District, is a native of this county, his grandfather, Benjamin Welsh, having moved to Jasper county in 1840 and settled in what is now Jordan township on the farm now occupied by the subject of this sketch. He is a son of Henry Welsh, well known throughout this county, now a resident of the town of Remington. Mr. Welsh, like his ancestors, has followed farming for a livelihood, and is one of the best posted farmers in the entire county.

When the County Reform act took effect Judge Thompson appointed the first board of the County Council, and of all the many democrats in the Fourth Councilmanic district, selected Francis M. Welsh as a member thereof. That the selection was an excellent one any of his colleagues on the council—democrat or republican—will tell you that Mr. Welsh was one of the best men on the board, and it was due to his untiring efforts in behalf of the taxpayers, ably seconded by the other prominent members of that Council, irrespective of party, that the county tax-levy was reduced nearly one-half in two years, and that, too, without injury in any way to the various public interests of the county—improvements and necessary expenditures went right along the same as before but extravagances were stopped. A good mathematician, an ext- township trustee, a man of excellent judgment, possessing a good education and one who detects a steal before the thief gets a grip on the booty, the entire county might be searched over from one end to the other and no better man for the office of county commissioner could be found any place. His experience on the County Council makes him thoroughly familiar with the needs of the county, and his desire at all times to serve the public in a faithful, impartial and economical manner, fits him for a first-class commissioner.

Mr. Welsh was married about 25 years ago to Miss Mate Bullis, and has a family of seven children—4 boys and 3 girls.



(The above drawing shows the streets turned over to the K. of P. lodge for the week of the carnival, the heavy lines being the ones closed and given over to the lodge's exclusive use.)