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## WANT \$30,000

And Five Acres of Ground  
For Factory.

## WILL EMPLOY 300 MEN TO START

And Expect to Increase to 500 Men  
In A Short Time—Committee  
Favorably Impressed With  
Chicago Concern.

President Robinson of the Rensselaer Commercial Club, and A. Leopold returned from Chicago Wednesday night from investigating the metal furniture factory proposition, C. G. Spitzer, who accompanied them, not returning until Thursday evening. They went through the Chicago factory of the concern and were well pleased with what they saw and were told of the company. The plant is now employing about 100 men and most of the time works a night shift to keep up orders. Its pay roll is about \$2,000 per week at present, and the quarters occupied are crowded. Metal school furniture, chairs, stands, etc., is the product manufactured, and they have been doing a steadily increasing business for several years.

They want more elbow room and offer to locate here for a bonus of \$30,000 cash and five acres of ground; provided, after they come here and look over the situation they are suited with location. On this five acre tract, we understand, the company will erect a factory with 50,000 feet of floor space and agree to employ 300 hands from the start; title of land not to pass to them until they have paid out \$50,000 here for labor.

The committee sent up to investigate were to report favorably to a meeting of the Commercial Club directors held at Foltz & Spitzer's office at 7 o'clock last evening, and if the directors were also favorably impressed, then the company is to be notified and they will send down representatives to look over the ground and submit their proposition in full to the Club at a meeting which will be called for that purpose. If the Club votes to accept it then a contract will be duly entered into.

Messrs. Robinson, Leopold and Spitzer were most favorably impressed and it is likely their report will be favorably acted on by the directors and we may look for representatives of the company here next week to look over our town and decide whether they want to locate here or not.

This is certainly a big concern and if it can be landed on these terms the matter should not be delayed.

## OBITUARY.

Nancy Ann Walker was born in Johnson Co., Indiana, March 6, 1837, and departed this life Nov. 25, 1908. On Feb. 19, 1852, she was married to Joseph Coons. To this union were born eight children, of which four daughters, Mrs. Ida A. Pierce of Rensselaer, Ind., Mrs. Rose A. Fishback of Mt. Hope, Kan., Mrs. Eva B. Bryan of Greensburg, Kan., and Mrs. Carrie C. Ellis of Bucklin, Kan., survive her. She leaves a sister, Mrs. F. M. Parker of Rensselaer, Ind., and a brother, Isaac D. Walker of Barkley tp., Jasper county, Ind.

Her husband died April 20, 1904. She united with the Church of Christ in early life and was always a faithful member. The funeral service was held at the Methodist church, being conducted by Rev. Kennedy, Christian minister from Minnesota. The remains were interred in the Bucklin cemetery—Bucklin (Kan.) Banner.

**LEAVES A GOOD RECORD.** Sheriff O'Connor expects to get all moved back to his little farm at Knian before Christmas, although he will be the legal sheriff until Jan. 1. His successor, L. P. Shirer, will move into the sheriff's residence about the 25th probably. Mr. O'Connor has made an excellent official and leaves the office with the good will of both democrats and republicans. He has been a credit to the office he has occupied, a great improvement over his predecessors, and The Democrat but voices the general sentiment in saying this. Officers who have given such universal satisfaction as Mr. O'Connor are a rare thing in Jasper county, and The Democrat joins the people of the entire county in wishing him and his excellent family well in their retirement to private life.

His successor, Mr. Shirer, we believe will also prove a popular officer, and one who will try to treat those of opposite political faith with equal fairness and courtesy. The officer who strives to do his duty fairly and honestly, treating everyone as he would like to be treated himself regardless of the

behests of his party machine, is sure to receive the approbation of all the people whose good opinion is worth having, and to leave an office with such approbation is certainly to be preferred to the opposite, the petty peanut politician who is a mere tool of the most dishonorable and unpopular element in his party. The choice of doing right and retiring from office with the good opinion of his fellowmen, like Mr. O'Connor, or to retire like some others have in this county whom we might name, who are now seldom heard of, is open to every officer. The decision as to which he prefers lies with him, and it ought not be a difficult problem for any right thinking man to make the choice.

## JACKSON CLUB BANQUET.

Will Be Held at Hotel Lahr, Lafayette, January 7th.

The thirteenth annual banquet of the Jackson Club of Lafayette will be held in that city on the evening of Jan. 7, at the Hotel Lahr. Hon. John W. Kern of Indianapolis, will be the principal speaker. State Chairman Stokes Jackson, Hon. L. E. Slack, Hon. B. F. Shively, Hon. John E. Lamb, Hon. G. V. Menzes, Hon. Edward G. Hoffman and Hon. Claude Bowers will each make a fifteen-minute talk.

Many members of the State Legislature, the newly elected members of congress, the State Committee, the candidates on the State ticket, and prominent democrats from all over the state will be present.

Banquet tickets \$1.00 each, with coupon attached showing No. of table and seat, will be on sale Dec. 15. Requisitions will be honored in the order of receiving.

The Rensselaer and Jasper county democrats who wish to attend this banquet can either send direct to J. W. Schooler, Secy., Lafayette, Ind., or leave their dollar at The Democrat office not later than Dec. 18 and we will secure the tickets for them. A good crowd should go down from here. Those who have attended these popular banquets in the past know what an excellent time is had, and the trains run so that little time from one's business need be lost.

## "THE RIVER RANGERS".

New Order Organized In Rensselaer and Club House Already Built On River Bank.

Rensselaer has a new fraternal order and it is starting out under very favorable auspices, in fact a club house has already been erected and furnished and a stringent set of rules adopted. The order calls itself "The River Rangers," and Masters John Horton and Fred Rhoades are the high moguls, with a retinue of minor officers.

The club house is located on the river bank near Ike Glazebrook's garden patch, and while not as pretentious nor commodious as some of the club houses of the swell millionnaire clubs of the large cities, it is considered a "peach" by the Rangers. It is constructed out of drygoods boxes, lumber and strips of boards, and the members have to get down on their hands and knees to enter the doorway. This may perhaps be an act of homage to the chief officers or a necessary undertaking, as one chooses to consider it. A wood stove furnished the necessary heat, but it has not worked very well with the coal the boys have tried burning in it, and it was perhaps good thing for them that the house had been provided with plenty of ventilation.

The rules adopted provide for expulsion of members violating same, and "Fatty" Moore was expelled at the first opportunity, "because" as one of the officers stated, "he was guilty of an infraction of the rules, and we didn't have room for him anyway."

Thursday night the Rangers tried burning coals in their stove, thinking they would work better than coal. Just what the results were we did not learn, but yesterday morning they had the stove setting outside on the bank, and it may be that a new heating system is to be installed.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES.

On Sunday morning the Ladies' Missionary Society will observe C. W. B. M. Day. An interesting program has been prepared and will take the place of the morning sermon. In the evening the subject of the sermon is "A Change of Heart." All are welcome.

Special discount on Ladies' Misses' and Children's coats.

## ROWLES & PARKER.

**FARM TO RENT:**—96 acres, with improvements. Enquire of S. Kohley, Rensselaer, Ind.

Some small sizes in boys two piece suits at 50¢ on the \$; remember we always do just as we advertise. These prices are cut in two in the middle.

## ROWLES & PARKER.

## THE COURT HOUSE

### Items Picked Up About the County Capitol.

Attorney Dan Fraser of Fowler was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

New suits filed: No. 7380. Cassius B. Wesner vs. John Foltz et al; action to quiet title.

No. 7381. Ed Oliver et al vs. George W. Hoover; action in replevin.

Charles H. Porter has been appointed administrator of the estate of the late Jay W. Williams. It was the intention to settle the estate out of court, but in order to collect a life insurance policy of \$1,000 that Mr. Williams had carried for the past forty years, it was necessary to have an administrator.

It is not likely there will be much stone road building about Rensselaer next season. Aside from the repairs to the gravel and stone roads already built there is not likely to be much rock crushed here next year. There is still a large quantity of rock piled up along the river that was thrown out by the dredge.

The large quantity of booze seized in the raid on the Rosenbaum hotel almost a year ago and which has since been in charge of the sheriff pending the result of the prosecution, was turned over to Mr. Rosenbaum last week, the case having been dismissed at the November term of court because of absence of the prosecuting witness.

Newton County Enterprise: The Supreme Court has reversed the decision of the Benton county court in the case of Emery Perkins of Raub vs. the C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co. Perkins was a freight brakeman in the employ of the Big Four and was seriously injured in making a running switch in the railroad yards at Fowler. He sued the company and was given a judgment for \$30,000 damages.

County Superintendent of Schools John H. Reddick of Pulaski county, died at his home in Winamac Saturday night, from paralysis. He was fifty-five years old and had held the office of superintendent for the last twenty-four years, having been elected in 1884. He leaves a widow and two sons. Mr. Reddick was widely known in educational circles in the northern part of the State, and has addressed institutes, etc., in all neighboring counties. He was ill about two weeks.

Marriage licenses issued: Dec. 8, George Wininger of Knox, aged 73, occupation farmer, to Malina Klags of Wheatfield, aged 57, occupation housekeeper. Second marriage for male, his first wife having died Oct. 29, 1898; first marriage for female.

Dec. 8, Lewis M. Raymond of St. Ann, Ill., aged 37, occupation jeweler, to Emma Floy Beal of Remington, aged 31, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for each.

Albert Ellis of Wolcott has given notice that he will apply for a liquor license at Wolcott, at the January meeting of the commissioners of White county. Wolcott has been dry for some two years, but owing to the resentment of both republicans and democrats toward the so-called Anti-Saloon League—the former because they did not deliver the vote of the temperance democrats to them in the recent election, and the latter because of their attempt to do so—it is doubtful if it remains dry.

It is now stated that Frank McCullough of White county, who was asaulted by Truant Officer T. M. Ireland of Monticello last Friday, an account of which was published in Wednesday's Democrat, copied from a Monticello paper, was not so seriously hurt as first reported. He is able to be about and was in Monticello Saturday and Monday. The state case filed against Ireland has been continued until the February term. It is claimed he will be able to show more cause for the assault than that given in the first story of the trouble.

The J. B. Workman mentioned elsewhere in a dispatch from Wabash regarding recovery of county funds illegally paid out, is the same party who conducted the alleged tax-ferret investigation in this county some eight years ago. As we understand this decision, no appropriate was made by the county council to pay Workman at the time the contract with him was made, and the county council law expressly provides that there must be an existing appropriation

at the time the contract is made and the services performed, and the supreme court has several times so decided. Several hundred dollars at least has been paid out illegally in Jasper county where there was no appropriation existing at the time the alleged services were rendered, and every dollar of money ought to be recovered back. If suit should be instituted. Some of this amount never ought to have been paid out under any circumstances, the alleged claims having no real merit, and this particular money ought to be recovered back.

The Iroquois ditch extension matter, known as the Carr ditch, is still grinding before Judge Hanley, he having taken the matter up at the adjourned term of court convening Wednesday. Geo. A. Williams is appearing for the petitioners and Judge Darroch of Kentland and Foltz & Spitzer and A. Halleck for the remonstrants. The attorneys are going over the list of names in the report of the drainage commissioners and copying same. This would probably be completed by last evening, it was thought—there are about 1,800 names in this report. When this is completed they will then compare this list with the names on the remonstrance, of which there are about 1,200, and compare with same to decide how many of the latter are legal remonstrants.

It takes two-thirds of the number appearing in the report to defeat the ditch. Both sides claim they will win out, but only the count of noses, which will take probably the greater part of next week, will decide the matter.

The county commissioners finished the work of the term Tuesday evening and adjourned. Following is a report of their proceedings:

Final estimate of engineer and superintendent of Gillam gravel road, showing completion of same, filed and road accepted; balance of \$1,089 on contract ordered paid.

Final estimate of engineer and superintendent also filed in Marion-Rensselaer stone road, and balance due contractors ordered paid except \$1,000 which is held back to such time as Board can view said roads.

There was allowed \$3,834.72 to contractors on the Remington-Carpenter stone roads.

Final report on lateral No. 2 Iroquois ditch, filed and balance due contractors on same ordered paid less 5 per cent. which is held back until ditch is completed.

Final report filed in Geo. F. Ketchmark ditch, and superintendent is discharged.

Samuel E. Sparling petition for ditch; drainage com. file final report. Henry Elgelsbach remonstrates against report being accepted.

Simon P. Thompson petition for ditch; cause set for hearing second day January term.

Thomas Davis ditch; former setting for trial set aside and cause continued to January term for record of circuit court and supreme court on appeal.

Contract for poor farm supplies let to G. B. Porter for clothing and shoes at \$54.90, and to John Eger for groceries at \$129.56.

Warner Bros. were allowed \$1,673.78 on contract for the heating system at poor farm, balance to be paid when job is completed.

Interest on public funds of Jasper county in the various depositories for the month of November was reported as follows:

First Nat. Bank, Rensselaer \$96.22 First Nat. Bank, Remington 66.97 Jasper S. & T. C., Rensselaer 85.12 State Bank of Remington . . . . . 85.61 Bank of Wheatfield . . . . . 21.24

County officers reported fees collected for the quarter as follows: Auditor, \$29.90; Recorder, \$388.70; Clerk, \$269.55; Sheriff, \$136.20.

The newly elected sheriff and surveyor, who will take their offices Jan. 1, filed their bonds, the former giving bond by the National Surety Co., of New York in the sum of \$5,000, and the latter in the sum of \$1,000 as county surveyor and \$5,000 as drainage commissioner. The \$1,000 bond is signed by Harvey W. Wood, Benjamin R. Faris and James C. Thrash as sureties, and the \$5,000 by Thomas H. Robinson, Jacob A. Hensler, J. L. S. Gray, Charles W. Platt, Charles B. Stewart, Jesse Nichols and Jas. C. Thrash. Bonds approved.

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