

A New County.

In view of the extreme length; large area and irregular shape of Jasper county why would it not be a good idea to form a new county out of Carpenter, Jordan and Milroy townships, and a small strip of Newton, Marion and Hanging Grove, in Jasper county, and Princeton township in White? This would make a county 12 miles north and south and 18 miles east and west, with an area of 216 square miles. Jasper county now has an area of 570 square miles and White 500. We believe there would be no trouble to get the required number of signatures to a petition for the formation of the new county, and think it would be to the advantage of the territory concerned to have the change made. This move would bring the boundaries of Jasper county in much better shape and would not injure the symmetry of White to any great extent. Jasper is now the second largest county in the state, while few equal White in area. By cutting off the three townships referred to the geographical center of Jasper would be about on the south line of Walker tp., and about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of the Union tp. line, although Kniman or Virgie would be the only towns anywhere near the center of the county that are located on a railroad. Should this move be made, it is likely the large land owners in that vicinity would, so far as cost to the tax payers of the county is concerned, settle the question of a new court house in short order by donating ground and the required amount of cash to build a fine court house. The geographical center of the proposed new county would be, east and west, at a point about midway between Remington and Wolcott, but one of those towns would of course be chosen for the county seat. Under the existing laws no territory can be taken from a county having less than 400 square miles nor can a county having over such area be cut down to less than 400 square miles, and no new county can be formed with an area of less than 200 square miles. It will readily be seen that both Jasper and White would still have over 400 square miles left to them and our new county would have an area of about 516 square miles, more than the required area for the formation of a new county. All that is necessary to do by those who favor the scheme of forming a new county is to secure the signatures of a majority of the voters of the territory proposed to be included and present same to the boards of commissioners of White and Jasper, and at the next general election a vote is taken to determine whether the prayer of the petitioners shall or shall not be granted. There is but little question but what Jasper county would vote "for" as the three townships immediately concerned would favor it to a man, while it would be to the interests of those of the north end to have the new county formed, they gaining the county seat by the move. As to White the matter might not strike them quite so favorably, although Princeton township to a man ought to favor the scheme. —Remington Press.

The sober second thought of the people would scarcely endorse the above. They are taxed now to the fullest limit of their endurance and a new county would but add to their existing burdens. The territory suggested for the new county is already near the county seat, and if a division is ever made it should be done for the north end of Jasper county with Wheatfield, probably, for the county seat. Fair minded men all over the county would be obliged to grant the people in that locality a withdrawal card if the demand was made. But even our neighbors at the north will hesitate in asking dismemberment of the county, as their present inconvenience can be more easily borne than could the salaries of another set of officers and court expenses.

Another Voice Raised

To the Editor of People's Pilot.
As you have given the people the privilege of discussing the new court house pro and con I thought I would give the sentiments of some of the tax-payers in this Newton township. We are paying all the taxes we care about, unless it was for something that we need worse than a new court house. As Mr. Tabor says the old one has been fitted up, as the commissioners thought sufficient for years to come, and in the eyes of three-fourths of the tax-payers it is. I have not been able to find a single man in

this end of the township that was in favor of it. I cannot understand what got those two commissioners in the notion of making a hundred thousand dollar court house, which by the time it is finished will very likely figure up half that much more including the expense of those two commissioners on their excursion through the state gathering information and sight seeing. I suppose that court house would look very nice to the farmer that has to pull from seven to ten miles through the mud with three dozen eggs to sell at twelve and a half cents, and a few pounds of butter at the same price, for a good deal of the time he cannot get his fifteen cent oats and twenty-two cent corn through the mud to market.

If we must be taxed lets have more gravel roads, these would do us farmers some good. If we all had as good house to live in as that old court house, and had it all paid for, we would not think of tearing it down and going in debt to build a new one. I do not think that either of two commissioners would do it either. If the court house is built it will stand as a monument to the graves of those two men for I think it will be their death politically. It would be worse than folly for them to present themselves before the tax-payers of Jasper county for any thing in the future. Gentlemen stop and consider which would be the greatest benefit to the people of Jasper county a hundred and fifty thousand dollar court house or more gravel roads. —MUD SPLASHER.

MT. AYR.

Correspondence of People's Pilot.

Weather disagreeable.

Parties were all the go last week. Miss Gertrude Parks gave one at her home Tuesday evening, Jan. 28, and Miss Adrie Barton gave one at her home Friday evening, Jan. 31.

Miss Lora Roberts spent Saturday and Sunday in Brook with the Misses Alla and Sylvia Powell. How do I know? Couldn't you tell by Roy's look.

Our band have favored us with several selections of music upon our streets. They should be encouraged as they are progressing nicely. And under the instructor which they have now they will be able to play well by spring.

Rev. Austin is still laboring in the good cause. He is having good houses considering the weather and bad roads.

The "Jolly Klan" will meet at Mrs. Lee Hashkell's Tuesday evening, Feb. 4, where they will play the usual games and transact the business part of the society.

The two rooms in Mt. Ayr met in the school hall and gave an interesting programme including declamations, songs and instrumental music and a most interesting debate.

We understand our trustee, Mr. Coover, is talking of putting in a township high school. This is a grand move in education. The time will soon be here when each township will be provided with a high school. This will give the country boys and girls a chance to better their conditions.

Dr. S. N. Caldwell attended the Farmers' Institute at Brook Monday.

REMINGTON.

Correspondence of People's Pilot.

February 2nd (last Sunday) was what is generally known as Ground Hog Day. According to the old time prophets if the sun shone on that day, and the ground hog came out of his burrow and was enabled to see his shadow he would at once return and remain holed up for the following six weeks, the inference being, that the weather would be so extremely inclement that it would be unwise for him to venture out and expose himself. He will have no fears however if he is anywhere in the neighborhood of Remington, as the sun did not shine here during the entire day. Hence we may anticipate an early spring.

Mrs. Laura C. Bicknell, who was residing with the family of George B. Clark of Remington, died about one week ago from various complications, principally old age. She had resided in Remington six or eight years, and leaves one daughter surviving her. She was buried in the Remington cemetery Tuesday, the 28th ult. The funeral services were held at the M. E. Church, Rev. Mr. Mikel preaching the sermon.

We are at present having regular March weather; Sunday night,

rain, hail, and sleet, and Monday snow, which melted about as rapidly as it fell. The wind is in the south-east, and so long as it remains there we need not look for cold weather, but the mud, oh my! It is scarcely possible to get about on the dirt roads, and the gravel roads are being cut up and almost ruined.

The Telephone company is making excellent progress in the way of placing the poles cross arms and wires. The workers claim they will have the system in complete working order before the first day of March. When it is completed we are not sure that it will be a paying investment for the patrons or otherwise. If we could have the use of the line to Rensselaer without additional cost to the Remington service, viz., \$2 per month, it perhaps would not be much out of the way. The principal utility of a telephone system is between Rensselaer and Remington.

W. E. Seymour has sold his beautiful residence property here to Andrew Hix who will move into the property purchased, from his farm northeast of Remington about six miles. Mr. Seymour will remove with his family to Elwood, Ind., in a short time, where Mr. Seymour has employment in a tin plate factory. We are sorry to lose Mr. S. and his excellent family.

Miss Etta J. Howell, who lived with her brother near Remington, died a few days ago, the cause of her death being consumption. Funeral services were held at the M. E. Church, Rev. Mikel officiating, after which the body was taken to Illinois for interment.

We notice an editorial in the last weeks Remington Press favoring a new county to be made of Carpenter, Jordan and Milroy townships in Jasper county and Princeton township in White county. In view of the contemplated building of a new court house in Rensselaer our people are unanimously in favor of the new county, arguing that it will be much more to our interests to build a new court house for our own use in the new county, than to build one for the special use and benefit of Rensselaer and that immediate vicinity. Besides our people think they can get along quite comfortably with a forty thousand dollar court house, for several years, notwithstanding the rapid development of the territory sought to be organized as a new county, and the consequent appreciation of real estate values. Of course in a few years we

would be able financially to construct a more creditable "Temple of Justice," and then be "right in the swim" along with Jasper, White, and other counties having \$100,000-court houses.

Miss Doty's Entertainment.

A most interesting program has been provided by Miss Mable Doty for her entertainment to be given at the opera house, Feb. 14th. It will be all home talent, and the numbers are a judicious blending of the musical and literary. The dexterous features will be highly appreciated. Admission 25c, reserved seats 35c.

1. Rensselaer Orchestra.
2. How I tended the baby, Bessie Saylor.
3. Physical exercise (Delsarte), Silvia Robinson, Clifford Moody, Lulu Sample, Lith Wright, Bessie Saylor, Maud Healey.
4. "Snow Fairies," Ellen Robinson.
5. "Book," Cecilia Hollingsworth.
6. "Seein' things at night," Threna Meyer.
7. Cornell Solo, Healy Bros.
8. "Lady Wentworth," (H. W. Longfellow), Luella McCoy, Iva Washburn, Gale Wason.
9. Male quartette.
10. Physical exercise (Dumb bells), Ida Randle, Mabel Randle, Threna Meyer, Floss Starr, Edna Thompson.
11. Vocal Solo, Mrs. H. Canal.
12. "Dot Dutchman in her Moon," Maud Healey.
13. Instrumental duett, Miss M. M. Percupile and Miss M. Matheson.
14. "Why he wouldn't sell the farm," Louella McCoy.
15. Vocal Solo, Pearl Hollister.
16. Physical exercise (Delsarte), Fern Starr, Luella McCoy, Iva Washburn, Gale Wason.
17. "Street Tumblers," Lith Wright.
18. Male quartette.
19. "Sleep baby sleep," Ellen Robinson, Emily Burget, Mabel Doty.
20. "Sandalphon" (H. W. Longfellow) Mabel Doty.
21. Vocal Solo, Emily Burget.
22. Rensselaer Orchestra.

Condensed Testimony.

Chas. B. Hood, broker and manufacturer's agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, Prop. St. James hotel Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years standing, caused by La Grippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 28th St., Chicago, always keeps it hand and has no fear of croup, because it instantly relieves. Free trial bottles at Frank Meyer's drug store.

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Commercial Fertilizers.

The consumption of commercial fertilizers has become such an important item in the business of farming that some facts in relation to the amount used may be of interest. The following table gives the amount estimated to be used in Indiana during the years named:

TONS	YEAR	TONS	YEAR
8000	1883	29000	1890
6900	1884	26750	1891
5860	1885	35000	1892
6250	1886	38000	1893
10000	1888	35000	1894
19350	1889		

The amount used in 1895 has not yet been computed but it was considerably in excess of the amount used in any previous year.

Fertilizers were first used in Indiana in the counties along the Ohio river about 1873. Their use has gradually extended northward especially along the eastern border of the state. Probably 90 per cent. of the fertilizers applied in the state are used south of the line drawn from Ft. Wayne to Terre Haute. The land on which fertilizers are most extensively and profitably used are clay lands and most of the fertilizers is used on the wheat crop. For the most profitable returns different kinds of fertilizers are required for different soils. All the fertilizers on our market have the general composition that would naturally be used for a clay soil. They contain far more phosphoric acid than nitrogen or potash. Clay soils are almost always deficient in phosphoric acid. In 1894 for every 1000 pounds of phosphoric acid in our fertilizers there were only about 14 pounds of nitrogen and 8 pounds of potash. In crops, nitrogen is the most abundant, potash next, and phosphoric acid least.

The annual expenditure for fertilizers in Indiana is about \$1,250,000.

The total amount of plant food sold in fertilizers in 1894 was phosphoric acid 5589 tons, nitrogen 777 tons, potash 407 tons. These amounts are insignificant as compared with the quantity of these expensive plant foods that are annually exported from the state in grain alone.

The annual loss of plant food from our soils is still greater from the failure to utilize for manurial purposes a great part of the corn fodder, wheat and oat straw produced in the state. The amount of plant food drawn each year from the soil by these three side products represents a value of about \$28,000,000. The results of this heavy drain on our soils are yearly becoming more evident.

Commercial fertilizers have a legitimate part to play in helping to keep up the productivity of the soil; but it would be unwise to depend on them alone when we have such valuable side products at hand. The rational course to pursue is to utilize all material including the clover crop grown on the farm, and then if it can be profitably done, to supplement these with commercial fertilizers.

There is a wide range in the composition of the 250 different brands of fertilizers on our market and the question often arises as to which kind can be most profitably used. The farmer must in many cases answer his question by trial. But it would be unwise to at once give up the use of a line of goods of a class that had proven satisfactory, to make a trial of a different type of goods. A trial on a small scale will involve less risk. Yet we should not rest with simply a profitable result. The real aim is to find the method of combining the manurial material of the farm with such purchased fertilizers as will give the greatest net profit consistent with maintaining the productivity of the soil.

H. A. HUSTON,
Chemist.

The Commissioners Not Alone.

Editor of the People's Pilot.
I think there is very much uncalled for and unmerited abuse being heaped upon Messrs. Martindale and Farris for the course they are taking in the new court house business. Many seem to think these two gentlemen are proceeding in this matter entirely upon their own responsibility, regardless of the advice and protest of any one. I hear people say, and read it in the county papers, that there is scarcely any one, even in Rensselaer, that is outspoken for a new house.

Martindale and Farris, we may rest assured, have not taken up this big job without urgent solicitation and plenty of substantial backing.

While it really is true that there is, apparently, but little said, in Rensselaer, in favor of a new court house; yet it is also just as true that there is but very little said, in Rensselaer, against a new court house.

Ask any prominent man in Rensselaer (especially if he be a republican) what he thinks of a new court house, and nine times out of ten the answer will be "oh I don't know, I think we could wait a little longer."

Now, Rensselaer is making no big fight against the action of the commissioners, and Martindale and Farris are not going it alone either, by any means. Jasper county's republican central committee could stop this whole court house business in twenty four hours; yes and it would do it too, if the question was submitted to it, but Rensselaer is Jasper county, and a few men, in that town, are the republican party. so never fear, the new court house will surely be built.

M. D.

For Sale.

Two fresh cows for sale, one-half mile east of Kniman. FRED S. MEISER.

Found.

A pair of gold spectacles have been awaiting an owner at this office for some time.

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