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Introduction.

In introducing this, the first issue of the RENSSELAER DEMOCRAT to the public, but few words are necessary. In politics the paper will be Democratic, and the Chicago platform, its code of principles. We shall advocate economy and retrenchment in our local affairs. We believe the local government of Jasper county costs too much and will advocate a general reduction of expenditures and lower tax levies. We believe the people of the county should know how the public money is expended and shall endeavor to keep our readers informed by publishing from time to time, a list of the allowances made by the Board of commissioners. Recent improvements as well as proposed improvements will receive their share of attention. On all public questions we shall try to be mild and fair avoiding as much as possible anything in the nature of abuse. We shall publish the general news of the county, and it is our aim to make the paper a good general newspaper and upon these statements ask the support of the public.

Yours truly,
SHIELDS & DILLEY.

Abe Halleck's new Court House clock still stands still.

It has been charged that the new Court House is mostly steal and stone, even to the hardware and the doors.

Ben Wallace's side show isn't a circumstance compared with the show Sim Dowell will go to see November, next.

The wicked Democrats will not be permitted to drink all the whiskey in Jasper county this year. A large contingent of the Republican candidates will insist that their rights in this particular shall be respected.

Compare your tax receipt with those of last year and the year before. Then find out what you would have had to pay during those years if your property had been located in an adjoining county. Then don't swear. Its wicked.

The Democratic state convention will make no mistake by nominating Allen W. Clark of Greensburg as its candidate for Secretary of State. Mr. Clark is a thorough democrat, an excellent organizer, and would add great strength to the ticket.

Shortly before the last election the section men on the Monon at this place were promised \$1.35 instead of \$1.10 in the event of McKinley's election. Some of them who had always voted the Democratic ticket were induced by these presentations to vote for McKinley, prosperity, protection, and honest money. Some of these same men are now holding down the same job at 97½ cents per day.

The allowances made by the board of commissioners at its February session furnish some startling figures. The allowance for work on the item of ditches amount to over five hundred dollars, of which the county surveyor received more than half. It appears that the county surveyor has succeeded in making this one of the best paying offices in the county. The commissioners were dissatisfied, so we are informed, with the size of some of the bills and allowed much less than was asked for.

Charles E. Mills has blossomed out as a full fledged candidate for the Republican nomination for Joint Representative from the counties of Lake and Jasper. Charley seems to forget that this is a Democratic year.

In the recent election the Democratic party captured every thing in sight in the municipal elections in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin. These results is but a forerunner of what will happen in November.

The last republican county convention declared in favor of the present gold standard, and gold bonds as the basis of all banks of issue.

The resolution was introduced by the Honest Money Apostle C. E. Mills and on motion was declared carried although the opponents of the measure insist that they were in the majority.

The Democratic party favors free coinage of silver and gold, at present legal ratio of 16 to 1 as primary money, and contend that all other money should be issued by the government and not by the banks.

The capitalists of the east have generously offered to supply the government with all the money needed in case of war with Spain in exchange for interest bearing gold bond. Very patriotic indeed. However we believe that a free coinage act coining gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 and the issue of noninterest bearing legal tender government notes, would be all that would be required to furnish sufficient means, to prosecute the war and be preferred by the people who would eventually have to pay the debt.

Taxes in the city of Rensselaer are three dollars and forty-nine cents on the hundred dollars. This is in the face of the fact that the Republican management in this city promised the people that if they would vote a city government, the taxes would not be increased. A portion of the City Council who subscribed to these pledges will be candidates for re-election. It rests with the voters to either endorse the course of the Council by re-electing the present board, or one who endorses their administration or condemns their course by electing the Democratic candidates.

In the history of Jasper county there has never been a condition of affairs that called for so wise and economical management of affairs as the present time. The county's bonded indebtedness is now far beyond the constitutional limit. The same is true of the City of Rensselaer. Taxes are of course quite exorbitant and excessively burdensome to the taxpayer. Dissatisfaction with the management of public affairs is widespread, and as the time approaches for the payment of taxes will become more so. Now, what relief can be expected from the election of candidates for county and city offices, who are members of the party directly responsible for these conditions? Defeat the candidates of the party responsible and elect the Democratic ticket and defeat the ring.

Each of the Democratic candidates for commissioner must be a man who knows the needs of the county, and who has proven himself capable of attending to business for other people by having administered his own business affairs judiciously. Such men, if nominated, would receive the solid democratic support, and the support of many republicans and independents who have become disgusted with the management of affairs by the present board. No man who is a financial failure should be allowed to have charge of or participate in an official capacity, in the management of our financial affairs. Spendthrifts, hobby riders, or a man with a string tied to him by any ring or clique, is not wanted. Honest, energetic, capable men are wanted and the voters are looking to the Democrat party to furnish them for those positions.

Call For Convention.

Democrats and all other voters who expect to affiliate with them, are requested to meet in mass convention at 2:30 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, May 21, 1898, at the places herein named, and elect one delegate for each ten votes cast for the first elector on the Democratic electoral ticket in 1898.

The places of meeting, and number of delegates are as follows, to-wit:

Hanging Grove, McCosburg, 5 delegates.

Walker, Hershman school house 11 delegates.

Gillam, Center school house, 9 delegates.

Barkley, east precinct, Cozy Palace, 4 delegates.

Barkley, west precinct, Cozy Palace 6 delegates.

Jordan, Egypt school house, 13 delegates.

Newton, Sayler school house, 8 delegates.

Keener, DeMotte, 6 delegates.

Kankakee, Dunnville, 6 delegates.

Wheatfield, Wheatfield, 8 delegates.

Carpenter, south precinct, Remington, 4 delegates.

Carpenter, east precinct, Remington, 9 delegates.

Carpenter, west precinct, Remington, 8 delegates.

Milroy, Center school house, 6 delegates.

Union, south precinct, Wild Lily school house, 10 delegates.

Union, north precinct, Fair Oaks, 7 delegates.

Marion, No. 1, Eger's shop, 8 delegates.

Marion, No. 2, Eger's shop, 11 delegates.

Marion, No. 3, court house, 10 delegates.

Marion, No. 4, court house, 11 delegates.

The delegates electee will meet in delegate convention at Rensselaer, Indiana on Saturday, May 28 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m. and nominate a county ticket to be voted for at the November election and select delegates to the several district conventions.

D. W. SHIELDS,
Chairman.

JOHN WALTERS,
Secretary.

MICHIGAN ELECTIONS.
Grand Rapids Dispatch.

As fast as complete returns are obtained, facts are piled upon facts to show that the democratic party has made great gains in Michigan.

The recent municipal elections are a bitter pill for the republicans and nobody doubts that they are most gravely prophetic of future and greater victories.

This city is reclaimed with a wholly democratic administration. Kalamazoo, home of United States Senator Barrows, went democratic and included in the rest of the long list of victories are; Saginaw, Petoskey, Jackson, Ypsilanti, Ionia, Dowagiac, Owosso, Marine City, Albion, Benton Harbor, Marshall, Grand Haven, Three Rivers, Hastings, Charlotte, Sturgis and Manistee.

Many cities have a democratic administration for the first time.

Capture of the Biggest Cities.

Beginning with Detroit, the six largest cities of the state are now safely in the hands of the democrats, and in a total of sixty cities the democrats have captured more than twice as many as the republicans.

Nearly all of these victories for the silver movement resulted from fusion of all the opponents of the single gold standard.

Throughout the state the triumph of the party in the municipal elections is having a most stimulating effect. It is regarded by all state and local leaders as a solid foundation laid for a great congressional campaign in the fall when a number of districts will be stormed and carried.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Mr. John Conway, Mrs. Dora B. Wells, L. L. Marshall Estil Richardson, Charley Griffith, Mr. Ed. Dewees, Chas. Frayer, G. M. ROBINSON, P. M.

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1 lb. Good Baking Powder.....	15c	1 3 lb. can Nanticoke Peas.....	10c
½ lb. Sweet Chocolate.....	8c	2 3 lb. can Golden Seal Peas.....	25c
1 lb. H. P. Navy Beans.....	2½c	1 3 lb. can Tabla Peaches.....	10c
1 lb. Lima Beans.....	5c	1 3 lb. can Salano Brand Peaches.....	15c
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A Startling Cry.

A local paper yesterday had for one of its newsboy's cries; "Consul-Gen. Lee warns Americans to flee from Havana!"

In its subsequent transfer from one newsie to another, however, the original text was slightly altered, and one little fellow was heard crying in shrillest tones: "Paper! All about de American fleas from Havana!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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