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OFFICE in the Murray building opposite court house.

The improvement on Front street is a good example of the "business management" of the present City Council. After a heavy rain there is almost water enough on the street to float the Spanish navy.

The Democrats of this city nominated a business ticket last Friday evening which if elected is pledged to reduce expenditures. Had a majority of the present Council been men like those nominated by the Democrats last Friday the tax payers of our city would not now be struggling to meet a tax levy of \$3.49 on the hundred dollars. A vote for the re-election of the present Council is an endorsement of their official acts which made a \$3.49 tax levy on the hundred dollars possible.

We are pleased to note that we have so far received courteous treatment from the press, of this and adjoining counties with but one exception. The Chalmers Ledger a little 2x4 sheet, (Geo. Healey editor,) published at a flagstation on the Monon in White county, makes a personal attack upon the editor of the Democrat. Among other charges of a personal nature he says that the editor is a man without brains. Considering the source from whence these charges came we shall make no reply. It is not the province of a newspaper to make personal attacks upon individuals. When an editor belittles himself by so doing he ceases to be a gentleman and becomes a disgrace to the profession—an object of pity rather than contempt.

In the series of articles, on the "New Court house," which will appear in the DEMOCRAT from time to time, we shall endeavor to give a history of all the proceedings relating to it from the first negotiations with the architect, until the structure is a complete edifice. We shall trace the steps taken by the board of commissioners, scanning each item of expenditure as it appears of record on the records and files of the Auditor's office and let the public judge as to the wisdom of their official acts. We look upon the new building as a "thing of beauty" but believe as we trace the expenditures from the first report of the architect, to the final completion of the building, that the taxpayer will unite with us in saying that "it cost too much."

On December 10, 1895 the board received the report of one Alfred Grindle an architect, who it seems the board had previously employed to report on the condition of the old court house building. Grindle reported that the building was unsafe and dangerous and the health and lives of the county officials were jeopardized by a longer use of the old building, and "that said building could not be repaired." Therefore the board resolved to meet from time to time to consider and decide upon plans for a new court house." (See commissioners record 10, pages 172-3.)

The records disclose but little on the subject until February 1896 when the board in special session made the following order. The board after careful consideration now selects Alfred Grindle of Wayne, Indiana as architect to draw up the plans and specifications, for a new court house." (See commissioners record 10, page 177.)

Note the fact that the same architect was employed to draw the plans and specifications for a new court house that had condemned the old one. Mr. Grindle probably knew his business when he condemned the old one for it is a part of the business of his profes-

sion to pull down and build up when the money consideration is sufficiently large. He was first appointed by the board no doubt with the understanding that he was expected to report "right," as the board wished to have their names engraved upon the corner stone of a new "Temple of Justice" even if it did cost the tax payers \$152,000 to do it, so that their grandchildren might point with pride to the work of their sires, as they went to pay their taxes to liquidate the debt their said sires had created.

The condition of the walls of the old building was thoroughly tested when the workmen attempted to tear them down with pick and sledge, but found it so difficult that dynamite was resorted too. A heavy charge was placed under the corners, and the citizens of the town were almost thrown out of their beds at 4 o'clock the next morning only to arise and find the wall without so much as a crack to show the force of the explosion, and all this in the face of the fact that Mr. Grindle had reported the walls cracked and liable to fall, lead us to the conclusion that he was acting under instruction.

In our next article we shall speak only from the record.

Our friend Clark of the Journal seems to think that the only way to answer the statement made in the last Democrat on local politics, is by attacking the business record of the editor. Now if Bro. Clark wants to make a "hit" he will have to do it in some other way. The Public has no interest in a man's business or private affairs and no decent or self-respecting newspaper will allow anything of this nature to appear in its columns. We might answer in the same way but we will not do so. The "search light" of investigation if directed on his past record might reveal some "unholy spots" that the public does not need to know. Now if Bro. Clark wants to disprove the charges of the Democrat let him publish a list of the City's obligations, and also the amount of bonds issued for the court house and such other bonds as the county has guaranteed the payment of and give his readers the sum total and let the public be our judge.

BRYAN'S DEFINITION OF DEMOCRACY.

I want all of you to know that at last we have written a definition of democracy that is broad enough to reach from the Atlantic ocean to the Golden gate and from the lakes to the gulf; a definition of democracy that is broad enough to furnish the faith for those who believe in the principles of Jefferson and those of Andrew Jackson.

"There is one thing that makes me love democracy and that is when you get down to the real principles of democracy, when you get down to those fundamental principles proclaimed by that great sage, who organized the party, and advocated by Jackson in his day, "you have principals that are so comprehensive that they will solve every question and so simple that they can be understood by every citizen. These principals are now the foundation of the democratic party, and as democracy today stands for equal rights to all and special privileges to none, we have a party definition and a creed that can be as popular in one section of the country as in another, because it does not mean harm to any living soul, it does not mean menace to any existing right; it simply means the bringing of this government back to a time when it will protect with an equal hand all the citizens, rich and poor, high and low, and preserve to each the right to life, to liberty and the pursuit of happiness. and it is because democracy has dug down and found this foundation principle that our democracy does not terrify the

silver republican, who loved the republicanism of Abraham Lincoln and hates the republicanism of Mark Hanna; and it does not terrify the populist, who loves alike the democracy of Jefferson and the republicanism of Lincoln.

Notice of City Election.

To the voters of the city of Rensselaer, Indiana:

You are hereby notified that an election will be held in each of the several wards of said city hereinafter designated on the third day of May, 1898 between the hours of 6 a. m. and 6 p. m., for the purpose of electing one Councilman for each ward, to wit:

Ward No. 1 at the City Hall.

Ward No. 2 at Eger's carpenter shop.

Ward No. 3 at Makeever House sample room.

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Rensselaer, Indiana.

Wm. B. Austin,

Lawyer and Investment Broker.

Attorney For The
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1 lb. Sun Gloss.....	8c	7 bars of India Soap.....	25c
1 lb. Electric.....	8c	9 bars of Dipper Soap.....	25c
1 lb. Bulk.....	6c	1 gal. can N. Y. Apples.....	25c
1 Package Wetmore Grated Coconut.....	8c	1 gal. Best Syrup.....	25c
1 lb. Good Baking Powder.....	15c	1 3 lb. can Nanticoke Pears.....	10c
1 lb. Sweet Chocolate.....	8c	2 3 lb. can Golden Seal Pears.....	25c
1 lb. H. P. Navy Beans.....	2 1/2c	1 3 lb. can Table Peaches.....	10c
1 lb. Lima Beans.....	5c	1 3 lb. can Salano Brand Peaches.....	15c
1 lb. Hominy Grit.....	2c	3 2 lb. can Pie Peaches.....	25c
3 lb. Fancy Japanese Rice.....	25c	3 2 lb. can best Sweet Corn.....	25c
1 lb. California Evaporated Pears.....	10c	1 2 lb. can Early June Peas.....	5c
1 lb. California Evaporated Jumbo Peaches.....	12 1/2c	3 3 lb. can Tomatoes.....	25c
1 lb. California Evaporated Peaches.....	8 1/2c	1 sack Diamond Flour.....	80c
1 lb. California Evaporated Silver Prunes.....	10c	1 50 lb. sack Minnesota Best.....	\$1.35
1 lb. California Prunes.....	8 1/2c	1 50 lb. Golden Crown.....	\$1.40
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Hay timothy.....	5.00
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Eggs.....	.07 1/2
Hens.....	.05 @ .05 1/2
Ducks.....	.05
Roosters.....	.02
Turkeys.....	.04 @ .06
Hides.....	.04 @ .05
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