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OFFICE in the Murray building opposite court house.

Vote for B. F. Fendig. Vote for John Eger. Vote for William H. Beam. The Democratic candidates for the city council are pledged to reduce the expenditures and lower taxes.

A vote for the Democratic candidates is a vote against empty houses. Economy in public expenditures and lower taxes will bring men with money to invest in our city.

The expenditures in Jasper county last year averaged \$5.64 per inhabitant. Benton county's expenditures amounted to but \$1.97 per inhabitant. The \$5.64 per inhabitant for Jasper does not include court house expenditures.

Buletin No. 4, issued by the Indiana Bureau of statistics contains much valuable information of interest to tax payers. It deals with the cost of county administration for the year 1897, and gives the county judicial expenditures, population of counties, county expenditures for bridges, roads, drainage and gravel roads, expenses of county officers, county expenditures on account of criminals, insane, benevolent and reformatory institutions and the total expenditures of the several counties for courts and judiciary, and showing the per capital expense in each item together with the indebtedness of each county.

From it we learn that the indebtedness of Jasper county is \$82,973.84, which does not include a large proportion of the court house bonds, which were issued after the statistics were made up.

Total indebtedness on court house bonds now being \$152,500. It seems the total expenditures of Jasper county to be \$93,786.89 or \$5.64 per inhabitant, which does not include expenditures for the construction of the court house.

The total expenditures in our neighboring county of Newton amounts to \$36,814.47 or \$2.94 per inhabitant. The expenses for the populous county of Lake is \$126,667.65 or \$3.36 per inhabitant. The expenditures of Porter county are \$79,467.36 or \$3.59 per inhabitant. Starke county's expenditure amounts to \$40,668.60 or \$3.57 per inhabitant. The expenses of White county is \$56,840.36 or \$2.52 per inhabitant. Pulaski county expends but \$40,535.72 or \$2.67 per inhabitant. The total expenditures of Benton Co. is \$32,172.83 or \$1.98 per inhabitant. These facts alone should convince the tax payers that a change in the financial management of this county is absolutely necessary. The high taxes and large indebtedness prevent men with capital from investing money in the lands here. This condition can be changed by the election of a Democratic board of Commissioners, pledged to rigid economy and lower taxes.

A Few Questions.

The DEMOCRAT desires to propound a few questions to any party or parties who may be interested in answering the same, and especially to the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Jasper county.

Why was Alfred Grindle selected as an expert to examine the old court house?

After condemning the old court house, why was the said Grindle selected as the architect for the new court house?

Why was an effort made to prevent the lowest bidder for the construction of the court house from having the contract for the construction of the new court house?

What particular interest did the Board have in one Bosseker, of Ft. Wayne, that they desired that he

have the contract for the construction of the court house, when his bid was some \$6,000 above the bid of Heinzman Bros.?

Why did the Board of Commissioners desire that the Consolidated Stone Co. should furnish the stone for the new court house?

Why did the Board of Commissioners contract for furniture for the new court house before the foundation was laid, and before Capt. Faris went out of office?

Where was the contract for the furniture for the new court house drawn up, and who drew it up?

Why did the Board buy a clock for the court house which, after thorough investigation, was found to be deficient in other places where it had been used, and pay for the same \$1,500 more than the cost of the clock in the court house at Monticello?

Why did the Board pay at least \$2,000 more for the marble in the court house than it could have been purchased from other firms?

What was the actual extra expense over and above the original estimates for the construction of the tunnel conveying the heat from the power house near the jail to the new court house?

What was the actual expense of the \$10 per foot flag pole used on the new court house?

How much money has this county paid to the members of the Board of Commissioners for their services since the beginning of the new court house?

What were the particulars of the contract let for filling in of the grounds and the construction of cement walks around the court house square?

Why is it that the name of Hallock Bros. Telephone Co. has never appeared upon the tax duplicate of Jasper county, although it has been in operation three years?

Record Made by the Board of Commissioners relating to Contract with Architect.

The Board of Commissioners heretofore, at various times, visited and examined various court houses, to-wit: Lafayette, Tipton, Muncie, Hartford City, Bluffton, Warsaw, Rochester, LaPorte and Monticello, and after having consulted with various county officers thereof, as to court rooms, vaults, heating and ventilating, and other general plans of arrangement of a court house for convenience, and security, and being fully advised in the premises, and having from time to time changed the preliminary sketches prepared by Alfred Grindle, architect, heretofore selected to prepare said preliminary sketches, so prepared as last corrected; and changed, now contract with, and employ said Alfred Grindle, to prepare and furnish detail drawings and plans and specifications, and superintend the erection and construction of a fire proof court house in accordance with said sketch.

** Said "plans and specifications to be for a building to cost not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars for a fully completed building." See Commissioners Record 10 page 198.

THE CONTRACT BETWEEN ALFRED GRINDLE AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

The contract is to extend to publish in full and we will select only such paragraphs as would be of greatest interest to the public. "The detail drawing shall be full and complete showing and illustrating in detail every part and portion of said building from the foundation to the extreme top of tower both exterior and interior including heating and ventilating and all appliances that are attached to the building—their location and adjustment." ** "The specifications and plans, to provide for everything complete with the building, except chairs, tables, paper files, book-cases and movable furniture and fixtures."

** "The cost of the building not to exceed for a fully completed, fire proof, court house the

sum of one hundred thousand dollars, this to include all permanent fixtures, and appliances." ** "The Board reserves the right at all times to modify the plans and specifications." ** Said "Alfred Grindle to be liable for all sums in excess of specified price unless extra costs are caused by changes in plans and specifications by the Board." ** Said "Alfred Grindle is to receive as his compensation two per cent of the cost of the complete building." See Commissioners Record 10 pages 198-99.

Up to this time the board had made allowances to itself amounting to \$510.48 and \$26.75 to H. B. Murray Auditor for money advanced making the sum total of \$537.23. In justice to the board we will say that a part of these allowances were for expenses incurred in visiting the court houses mentioned in the record above quoted relating to the contract. Below we will give a few "Gems" as they appear on the record.

March 20 1896. "The Board spent the day at Amherst Ohio, Beira Ohio and Cleveland Ohio, inspecting stone quarries and buildings." B. R. Faris, P. B.

March 21, 1896. "The Board spent the day at Cleveland Ohio, and Toledo Ohio, inspecting monuments, court houses and other buildings." B. R. Faris, P. B.

March 23, 1896. "The Board spent the day at Detroit Mich. inspecting building roofing, and court house appliances." B. R. Faris, P. B.

March 26, 1896. "The Board spent the day inspecting stone quarries at Bedford, Indiana." B. R. Faris, P. B.

March 27, 1896. "The Board spent the day at Bloomington and Shelbyville, Indiana." B. R. Faris, P. B.

March 28, 1896. The Board returned home from inspecting quarries." B. R. Faris, P. B. See Commissioners Record 10 page 211.

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.

Gilliam, 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.

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1 lb. Gem cleaned currents.....	.9c	7 bars of German Soap.....	25c
2 lb. Amer Rolled Oats.....	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	7 bars of Star City Soap.....	25c
1 lb. Corn Starch.....	.8c	8 bars of Star Soap.....	25c
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 Cocoanut.....	.8c	1 gal. Best Syrup.....	25c
1 lb. Good Baking Powder.....	15c	1 3 lb. can Nanticoke Pears.....	10c
4 lb. Sweet Chocolate.....	.8c	2 3 lb. can Golden Seal Pears.....	25c
1 lb. H. P. Navy Beans.....	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	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	2 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	3 3 lb. can Tomatoes.....	25c
1 lb. California Evaporated Peaches.....	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	1 sack Diamond Flour.....	80c
1 lb. California Evaporated Silver Prunes 10c	10c	1 50 lb. sack Minnesota Best.....	\$1.35
1 lb. California Prunes.....	.8c	1 50 lb. Golden Crown.....	\$1.40
1 lb. California Apricots.....	.8c	Try a sack of Golden Crown. We guarantee it equal to the best made.	
1 lb. Dried Apples.....	.7c		
1 lb. Evaporated Apples.....	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c		

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Rensselaer, Ind.

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Samuel James Skinner to James

Skinner, April 11, s 50 a, w of n

100 a, se, 33-27-6, \$2,500. Q. C. D.

James Skinner to Samuel James

Skinner, April 12, n 50 a, of n 100

a, se, 33-27-6, \$2,500.

Charles T. Hardesty to Charles

N. Pullin, April 18, out it 22, Parr,

\$50.

James B. Graham to Augusta

Stackel, April 13, its 12-13, bl 2,

Wheatfield Graham's 1st add., \$80.

Curtis J. Judd to Jackson Mc-

Killip, June 24, 1897, n 1, ne, 28-28-

5, \$1,800.

Mary Ann Day et al to Wm. W.

Burns et al, March 30, ne nw, 34-