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OFFICE in the Murray building
opposite court house.

Why not coin all silver now
stored in the treasury vaults, into
silver dollars except that portion
represented by our standing silver
certificates?

The political party that has mis-
managed the affairs of a state, county
or municipality, will never be ex-
posed by the candidates of that
party.

The great question with the
leaders of the Republican party is
how to eliminate the word "coin"
and insert the word "gold" in the
bonds about to be issued and at
the same time save the Republican
party from defeat in the fall elec-
tions.

Greenbacks were good enough
for the "boys in blue" from 1861
to 1865 when our national life was
imperiled. Would not the same
kind of money be good enough to
arm and equip an army, to drive
the Spaniards out of Cuba?

The "best business interests"
represented by Mark Hanna are
now accusing the Democratic
party of treason. This act of trea-
son was committed by the Democ-
rats when they suggested that an
income tax should be levied as one
of the means of raising revenue to
carry on the war for the freedom of
Cuba.

The democrats, populists and
silver republicans of Oregon have
formed a complete fusion on the
money question, and nominated a
state ticket, giving the populists
the governor, attorney-general,
state printer and superintendent of
public instruction: the democrats
the state treasurer, justice of the
supreme court, and the congress-
man from the second district and
the secretary of state.

Our friend Clark of the Journal
seems very much disturbed on
account of the figures we have
been giving our readers on the
total county expenditures. All
we ask of the citizens of Jasper
county is to investigate the mat-
ter for themselves. If any one of
our readers doubt one statement
let him send a card to the chief of
Bureau of Statistics Indianapolis
asking for Bulletin No. 4 and in-
vestigate for himself and decide
who is misrepresenting the facts
in the case. This document is
compiled by Republican officials,
and as it is an official document,
prepared by a sworn official it
ought to be reliable. If Brother
Clark wishes to enlighten his
readers on the subject he can do
so by publishing the figures as
they appear from this document
which is the best of authority.

In the Matter of the New Court
House.

"Comes now Alfred Grindle
heretofore employed by the board
and presents his plans and speci-
fications for said new court house
and the board now examines said
plans and specifications and after
certain corrections in said speci-
fications, both plans and speci-
fications are approved and accepted
by the board and ordered placed
on file in the auditor's office and
the auditor is directed to prepare
notice of letting of contract for the
construction of said new court
house which is done reading as
follows and is ordered published
in the Rensselaer Republican and
the Democratic Sentinel." See
Commissioners Record 10 page 208.

In the Matter of the New Court
House. * * * The notice of the
letting of contract having been
given and not yet expired this

cause continued. *Com. Record* 10
page 226.

In the Matter of the New Court
House. * * * It is ordered by the
board that there be issued for the
construction of new court house
for Jasper County, bonds to the
amount of eighty-two thousands
five hundred (\$82,500) in denomina-
tions to be hereinafter determined
that said bonds thirty-two
thousand five hundred (\$32,500)
dollars shall mature July 1, 1921,
with the option of payment by
the county after July 1, 1911 and
fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars
thereof, shall mature July 1, 1926
with the option of payment by the
county after July 1, 1916, all of
said bonds to be dated July 1, 1896,
and to draw interest at the rate of
six per cent per annum payable
annually. It is further ordered
that the said bonds be advertised
to be sold on June 26, 1896 at public
sale to the highest bidder the
county reserving the right to re-
ject all bids, deemed unsatisfactory
and the board now prepare and
approves form of notice which is
ordered published in the Rensselaer
Republican. *Commissioners
Record* 10 page 227.

In the matter of the new court
house. * * * The bids (for the
construction of the new court
house) must be accompanied by a
good and sufficient bond payable
to the state of Indiana with resi-
dent freehold surety conditioned,
in the sum of forty thousand (\$40-
000) dollars for the performance
of the work and the payment of
the debts in accordance with the
statutes of the state of Indiana.
The building must be erected in
accordance with said plans and
specifications, the contractors to
remove the old building from the
sight of the proposed new build-
ing and have the right to use such
of the material thereof as may be
pronounced suitable by the archi-
tector commissioners. *Commissioners
Record* 10, Page 238.

In the matter of the new court
house. * * * The record now finds
that the bids filed with Auditor of
said county, bids with bonds are as
follows:

J. M. Croker & Bro..... \$107,400
J. L. Fatout..... 105,900
F. Nicholson & Son..... 102,000
Schuyler Sigler..... 99,990
J. E. Gibson & Co..... 99,900
C. Moses..... 95,600
John Sultz..... 97,553
C. Basseker & Son..... 94,587.40
C. M. Thayer..... 92,300
Heinzman Bros..... 89,180

The Board finds that the lowest
bid was Heinzman Bros. but the
bondsman had not justified that
the next lowest bid was by C. M.
Thayer but the bondsman thereof
had not justified and that the next
lowest bid was by C. Basseker &
Son whose bonds were certified to
be sufficient by the Auditor of
Allen county and the Board find
that the notice to contractors does
not specify in which manner the
bonds shall be certified to be good
and sufficient and the Board re-
serves decision of award until to-
morrow at one o'clock reserving
the right to determine the suffi-
ciency and legality of said bonds at
this time and by such determina-
tion, the letting of the contract for
the erection and making of said
court house and building investi-
gation which having proven satis-
factory the Board now awards said
contract to said Heinzman Bros.

at and for said sum of eighty-nine
thousand one hundred and eighty
(\$89,180) dollars the sum being the
lowest bidder thereof. *Commissioners
Record* 10 Page 239-40.

Indebtedness of Jasper and adjoining
Counties.

County.	Net Debts.	Inhabitants.	Net Debts.	Inhabitants.	
Jasper.....	\$152,500.00	9,22	Benton.....	none	1 on
Newton.....	none	none	Porter.....	\$13,939.11	.63
Lake.....	\$8,000.00	.21	Starke.....	\$76,361.44	6.61
Pulaski.....	\$56,000.37	3.70	White.....	\$67,819.64	2.06

Ask W. R. Nowels to show to
you the city property, both im-
proved and unimproved he has for
sale. And ask him to make your
deeds, mortgages, leases, etc.

Convict Made Roads.

State Geologist Blatchley has
Plan for Construction.

Delphi Times.

State Geologist Blatchley is
formulating a bill to present to the
next legislature which, if passed
and put into operation, will
place Indiana far in advance of
any state in the Union in the pos-
session of magnificent roads.

His proposition is to employ
idle convict labor upon the coun-
try roads and pave them with con-
vict made brick.

Since the action of the last leg-
islature abolishing the custom of
leasing convict labor, prisoners
confined in the state prisons are
condemned to enforced idleness.
A great many propositions are in
consideration to utilize the wasted
labor force to the greatest advan-
tage to the commonwealth.

Professor Blatchley's scheme
commends itself to all people as
one which would benefit equally
all sections of the state. It seems
at first sight an extravagance
amounting to impracticability, but
the proposition is backed with
figures that are convincing. The
work would necessarily be slow
but would be permanent, and, ac-
cording to Prof. Blatchley, would
cost practically nothing to repair.

His calculations, based upon a
careful computation, show that
brick roads could be supplied by
convict labor at a saving to the
people of \$500 per mile over the
average gravel road, on original
construction, and something like
\$500 per year on repairs.

All who are interested in secur-
ing good roads should look into
this matter and if it proves as
promising as at present indicated,
representatives of the various dis-
tricts should be prepared to give
it a favorable reception when it
appears before the general assem-
bly.

Call for Convention.

Democrats and all other voters
who expect to affiliate with them,
are requested to meet in mass con-
vention 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 Demo-
cratic electoral ticket in 1898.

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

Hanging Grove, McCloysburg,
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 dele-
gates.

Wheatfield, Wheatfield, 8 dele-
gates.

Carpenter, south precinct, Rem-
ington, 4 delegates.

Carpenter, east precinct, Rem-
ington, 9 delegates.

Carpenter, west precinct, Rem-
ington, 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 nomi-
nate a county ticket to be voted
for at the November election and
select delegates to the several dis-
trict conventions.

D. W. SHIELDS,
Chairman.
JOHN WALTERS,
Secretary.

Hunters.

Bring your game to me and I
will give you the highest prices
for them. I have on hand a large
supply of loaded shells and will
load them to order on short no-
tice. A fine line of guns for sale
at low prices.

C. E. HERSHMAN.

City Election.

The city election passed off
quietly last Tuesday. A larger
vote was polled in the First and
Third wards than was cast at the
election two years ago, but the
vote in the Second ward was very
light. The results were as follows:

For Councilman.

First Ward:

	77
B. F. Fendig, Dem.	77
F. B. Meyers, Rep.	90

Meyer's majority	13
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Second Ward:

John Eger, Dem.	53
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J. C. Porter Rep.	52
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Eger's majority	1
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Third Ward:

W. H. Beam, Dem.	96
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Wallace Robinson, Rep.	79
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Beam's majority	17
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The result can not be considered
in the light of a Democratic vic-
tory but rather as a protest against
the management of the city's af-
fairs by the present board. In
many instances, the council has re-
fused to represent the wishes of a
large majority of the people and
enough republicans, who put the
city's interest above partisan poli-
tics, joined with the democrats to
secure the election of the demo-
cratic candidates. It is to be con-
sidered as a victory for reform,—
economy in the management of city
affairs and lower taxes rather than a
partisan victory. It will serve as
a notice to the republican majority
that the will of a majority of the
people must be obeyed. The repub-
lican candidates who were defeated
were all good, substantial citi-
zens, but they had at different
times, refused to consider the wis-
hes of the majority in city affairs
and were turned down.

Letter from C. H. Price.

The following is a letter just
received by Capt. M. F. Chilcott,
from our former townsmen C. H.
Price.

I have a full company of the
finest looking mountain boys you
ever saw. They drill like veterans.
I have been working them from 6
to 8 hours each day for two weeks.
It is understood that I will get or-
ders to move to company to Lex-
ington, Ky., tomorrow. I feel
that I have the best company in
the 2nd regiment. Max is my
2nd Lieutenant and he is a sol-
dierly looking fellow. I am very
proud of him. My business will
be sacrificed but I think I am do-
ing the right thing in going into
this war. With kind regards to
all my friends, I am

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES H. PRICE.

The School Enumeration.

The school enumeration just ta-
ken shows a decrease in the county
of children of school age over last
year of '97 Barkley, Gilliam, Kan-
kakee, Keener, Marion, Newton,
Walker, Wheatfield, (town and
township) Remington and Rens-
selaer all show a loss, while Car-
penter, Hanging Grove, Jordan,
Milroy and Newton show a gain.

The following table shows the
enumeration for 1897 and 1898 of
males and females and the totals:

	Total	Total
Males	1898	1897
Barkley	258	245
Carpenter	184	176
Gilliam	101	96
Hanging G.	101	97
Jordan	125	137
Kankakee	102	75
Keener	144	118
Marion	257	130
Milroy	74	75
Newton	89	85
Union	231	196
Walker	128	123
Wheatfield	93	82
" (town)	93	82
Remington	152	177