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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, coun-  
ty 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 Demo-  
crats 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 denomi-  
nations to be hereinafter deter-  
mined 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 pub-  
lic sale to the highest bidder the  
county reserving the right to re-  
ject all bids, deemed unsatisfactory  
and the board now prepare and  
approves a form of notice which is  
ordered published in the Rensse-  
laer 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  
site 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. *Commis-*  
*sioners 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 Sultzer..... 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  
bondsmen had not justified that  
the next lowest bid was by C. M.  
Thayer but the bondsmen 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. *Commission-*  
*ers Record 10 Page 239-40.*

### Indebtedness of Jasper and adjoining Counties.

County.	Net Debt.	Net Debt per Inhabitant
Jasper.....	\$152,500.00	9.22
Benton.....	none	1 on
Newton.....	none	none
Lake.....	\$8,000.00	.21
Porter.....	\$13,939.11	.63
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, e c.

## Convict Made Roads.

State Geologist Blatchley has a  
Plan for Construction.

Delphi Times.

State Geologist Blatchley is  
formulating a bill to present to  
the next legislature which, if pas-  
sed 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, 1896, 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, McCoysburg,  
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 de-  
legates.

Wheatfield, Wheatfield, 8 de-  
legates.

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 Rensse-  
laer, Indiana on Saturday, May 28  
1898, at 2 o'clock p. m. and nom-  
inate 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:  
B. F. Fendig, Dem. 77  
F. B. Meyers, Rep. 90

Meyers' majority 13

Second Ward:  
John Eger, Dem. 53  
J.-C. Porter Rep. 52

Eger's majority 1

Third Ward:  
W. H. Beam, Dem. 96  
Wallace Robinson, Rep. 79

Beam's majority 17

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 defeat-  
ed were all good, substantial citi-  
zens, but they had at different  
times, refused to consider the wish-  
es 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. Chilcote,  
from our former townsman 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 soli-  
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 tak-  
en shows a decrease in the county  
of children of school age over last  
year of .37 Barkley, Gillam, 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:

	Males	Females	Total	Total
	1897	1898	1897	1898
Barkley	258	245	503	519
Carpenter	164	176	340	323
Gillam	101	96	197	228
Hanging G.	101	97	198	193
Jordan	125	137	262	244
Kankakee	102	75	177	182
Keener	144	118	262	282
Marion	257	130	387	351
Milroy	74	75	149	145
Newton	89	85	174	191
Union	231	196	427	371
Walker	123	123	251	272
Wheatfield	93	82	175	177
" (town)	93	82	175	177
Remington	152	177	329	346
Rensselaer	372	391	763	796
Totals	4707	4510	4707	4744

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### The Markets.

Wheat	\$1.20	Tallow	.02 @ .02 1/2
Corn	.32	Wool	.14 @ .17
Oats white	.28 to .30	Hogs	3.40 to 3.45
Hay timothy	5.00	Rye	.40
Butter	.12		
Eggs	.08		
Hens	.05 @ .05 1/2		
Ducks	.05		
Roosters	.02		
Turkeys	.04 @ .06		
Hides	.04 @ .05		

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