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**Democratic Convention 13th District.**  
The Democracy of the 13th, Congressional District of Indiana, will meet in delegate convention, on Tuesday, January 11, 1898, at the opera house, in Plymouth, Marshall county, Indiana, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting a member of the Democratic State Central Committee for the ensuing two years, who shall also be ex-officio chairman of the 13th District Democratic Committee, and for the transaction of any other business that may come regularly before the meeting.

According to an order of the Democratic State Committee each county in the district is entitled to the following representation:

COUNTIES.	DELEGATES
Ekhart.....	45
Fulton.....	23
Kosciusko.....	30
Marshall.....	32
Pulaski.....	14
Starke.....	11
St. Joseph.....	60

Total..... 215  
Each county should be sure that they send none but true and tried democrats as delegates to this convention.

PETER J. KRUYER,  
Chairman.  
J. W. MORROW,  
Secretary.

## GOLD DEMOCRAT WANTS SILVER SOUP.

J. L. Forkner, of Anderson, is announced as a candidate for the democratic nomination for state treasurer. This strikes us as the greatest instance of unadulterated nerve we have yet heard of, but any body, who has ever known of Jack Forkner's "make up" as manifested from the time he was a "clod hopper" in the vicinity of the little villages of Millville and Ashland in Henry county, are not at all surprised to learn of him on all sides of all questions, asking favors of foes as well as friends. Jack Forkner was a right hand man to Ex-Congressman Bynum who chased out of the democratic party in pursuit of a "golden calf." Jack followed Bynum in the chase. Well, Bynum has left the state and no doubt found a generous recompense for his "will-o-the-wisp" experience. But poor Forkner and the other subs are still only "hoosiers" and as they some time since discovered that the "golden calf" was only a "yellow dog" so far as any practical benefits to them as politicians might accrue, Jack for one concluded to tie a tin can to his "canine" species and let it wander. Now he is rid of the "yellow dog," but the true democrats will prefer that he stick to the company with whom he elected to associate during the last campaign, if he is after political emoluments.

But Forkner has nerve, and he is back asking for permissoms because the fruit on the shrubs from the Bynum vineyard got caught in the frost and failed to materialize. He thinks that he is entitled to be a candidate for state treasurer.

Think of it! He may feel thankful if he can find a man in Indiana, who is willing to make himself so ridiculous before a Democratic convention as to dare to propose the name of this Madison county aspirant, who tied his kite to the gray hairs of a Palmer-Buckner combination and indirectly contributed his mite to accomplish the defeat of Mr. Bryan.

## POLLUTION OF STREAMS.

A decision of far reaching importance was handed down in the appellate court Tuesday, having direct bearing on the pollution of running streams by strawboard and paper mill companies. In the case of the Wabash paper company the court held that the company, as well as its individual employees, could be indicted in any county under the nuisance act for throwing refuse into a running stream, and that indictments could be returned in any county through which the refuse floats.

The secretary of the treasury has asked congress to make appropriations for improving the harbor at Michigan City, \$25,000; improving outer harbor at Michigan City, \$140,000; for soldiers' home at Marion, Ind., \$214,275; for the Wabash river, above Vincennes, \$4,000; below, \$10,000; for the Calumet river, \$250,000. Why not an appropriation for the Maumee river? It would give the people of Northern Indiana a direct waterway to the lakes, and their great markets. Is the metropolis of Northern Indiana to be slighted in national legislation?

What a happy thing it is the great mass of the people are imbued with common sense and go on their way living mainly in accord with the laws of their being, though they know not all of them. An attempt to follow the teaching of all the smart, intellectual cranks would soon be fatal to all human life. One set prohibits all grain foods, another all meats, another fruits, others have bread and meats prepared us in form beyond the attainment of ordinary mortals. These crank teachers in the material for sustaining physical life have their counterpart in the moral, the religious and the political world. Neither society or government could exist under the control of the smart, one-idea fellows who can warp and twist all truth to the support of their isms for the relief of mankind.—LaGrange Standard.

Notwithstanding all this talk about relegating Santa Claus to the rear, denouncing him as a myth and a relic of dark and superstitious ages, the good old man will probably be found this year, as usual doing business at the same old stand. This is, somehow, one of the myths and superstitions of which we do not much care to be disabused. Let the kindly old man alone. He has never done any harm. The flash of a child's eye as it lights up at mention of the old saint's name is sufficient recompense for any misgivings we may entertain concerning the further perpetuation of a mere superstition. Of course there is a Santa Claus, and he is the finest old fellow alive. Who dares say there isn't? Let him be accounted an abuser forever who will deny.

It has become apparent that the fight on the civil service law is no trifling matter, even if it is being conducted against the wishes of the President. Leading republican representatives have attacked the law on the floor of the House, when they had to strain a point to do so, and sixty odd republican members of the House who oppose the law as it now stands met in caucus to discuss the best way to conduct their fight against it. That was at least fifty more than were supposed to be willing to be counted as publicly hostile to the law, and has had an alarming effect upon those who stand by the law, and have generally been disposed to poke fun at all talk of fighting it.

The Pullman boys are to share equally with the rest of the children and the father's wish will be disregarded. The mother who was given the bulk of the estate has surrendered her portion in favor of the boys and the young men are enabled to continue scattering the Pullman dollars. No doubt those young ladies who cancelled their marriage engagements with these young men are wondering now what possessed them.

The commissioners of Whitley county must expect to find a Klondike gold mine in the books of the county treasurers and auditors. They have employed Messrs. Johnson & Corans of Indianapolis, experts, to go over the official's books for the last fifteen years and will pay them \$1,300. The work must be completed in four months.

When over a thousand immigrants landed last week in New York, not one of whom is needed in this country and nearly all of whom are a burden because ignorant, and naturally hostile to law, it seems useless to waste words with those who pass resolutions declaring that existing immigration laws are sufficient to protect labor and taxpayers from the expense of paupers and criminals.—Indianapolis Journal.

Public sentiment without law is better than law without public sentiment. Public sentiment is either absolutely right or it is absolutely wrong. Right and wrong are as distinct as light and darkness, and darkness never dispels the light. Let us thank God and take courage for the ever increasing light of right over wrong shining from the "Father of lights," through our National Constitution.

The accomplished misfit ready made clothing artist, eke out a big man into a small space. The presidential appointments assure the spectacle of a small man turned loose in a space too large, and he is as unbecoming as is a little man in a big suit. Why not reverse the order in filling spaces in the machinery of a national government. Have you seen it done.

It is stated Congressman Johnson has resigned as chairman of elections committee No. 2, and requested Speaker Reed to appoint Mr. Royce of Indiana. Mr. Johnson resigned also as a member of the committee. Congressman Johnson's health has greatly improved, but he wants to devote himself exclusively to the banking and currency question.

## RESERVED HIS DECISION.

The Valparaiso Messenger says of a LaPorte county justice of the peace: "He was hearing his first case. Two young lawyers were opposing each other. Each had made eloquent pleas for his client. The 'squire was a bit dazed, but looked wise, nevertheless. The lawyers sat with beating hearts awaiting the 'squire's decision. The 'squire leaned back in his chair and closed his eyes. He remained thus for 20 minutes. Then he sat up in his chair and, with all the gravity of a court of justice, said, 'I will reserve my decision until one week from today, when I will find for plaintiff.'"

A good big squeeze is going on in Chicago by speculators in wheat. December wheat has been evidently cornered by the French-Leiter combination and a great many small fry speculators are like millers flitting about a lighted candle. In an effort to get under cover the price of December wheat was forced up to \$1.09 Thursday and there is talk about much higher figures before the last day of the month.

The appellate court has just declared that a husband can recover damages from his mother-in-law if it can be proven that the mother-in-law damaged him. In the case in question, the mother-in-law induced her daughter to return to her home, and it just cost her \$1,500.

Hon. David Turpie of Indiana,—has returned to Congress in excellent health and full of fight. Mr. Turpie proposes to fight two propositions which are likely to be prominent during the present session, one the Nicaragua Canal and the other the Bankers Currency Bill. Mr. Turpie is a vigorous fighter and a very able debater.—Washington News Letter.

It is not likely that Congress will ratify the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii. The New England Senators and representatives are nearly all opposed to it. Two thirds are required for ratification. As the matter now stands, the required number of votes cannot be secured.

Hon. C. A. O. McClellan, some years ago a democratic member of congress from the Fort Wayne district and prior to that judge of the DeKalb and Steuben circuit court, was stricken with paralysis at his home in Auburn on Tuesday. His recovery is considered doubtful.

The more the president's Cuban policy is studied, the more humiliating it grows. It is a shameful subterfuge, and the people of Spain are celebrating the victory. The Cuban patriots are paying for republican incincerity by their lives.

Those Kentucky Republicans who are going to defeat Mr. Hanna might secure some valuable information concerning their intended victim by consulting Hon. Jas. K. Jones of Arkansas.

Luetgert has appealed to the public for financial aid claiming that his fortune has been exhausted and that he is now unable to put up the kind of defense that he desires. The responses to this appeal are not coming in chunks.

One of the real tough things with which honest journalism has to contend is the notion of repudiated politicians that they are in some manner called upon to enter it.

One of the first things to engage the attention of Congress will be a joint resolution by Senator Mason to change the name of the Congressional Record to the Cuban War Cry.

There are surface indications that the administration is about to give national honor another jolt by removing a fresh batch of Cleveland office-holders.

The Winamac Democrat Journal is authority for the statement that Congressman Royce has decided to re-appoint William Jackson for postmaster at Winamac. He was a gold-bug Democrat.

There has been an epidemic of body snatching about Chicago, and Editor Yerkes is making a determined effort to ascertain where Editor Medill has been spending his evenings.

Whether Judge Day is to take the place of Mr. Sherman or not, Mark Hanna will continue to perform the duties of Secretary of State.

The arguments made by the shopkeepers these days are not conducive to the popularity of the Dingley law.

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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Eldridge Thompson went to Chicago this morning.

Recorder Walker went to Whiting today on business.

A nice lot of dolls for Christmas presents at the People's Drug store.

Messrs Cory and O'Brien of Argos are in the city today on business.

Fred Bechnell of Ft. Wayne was in the city last night.

Ed McIntyre was reported better yesterday.

There hasn't been enough of the "beautiful" yet for the youngsters to attempt the old time coasting.

The crossing at the corner of Washington and Plum streets will be looked after by street commissioner Brink at once.

Sam O'Brien formerly of Bourbon but now of Chicago was in the city last night on business.

Mrs. Allman of Sopris street will return home tomorrow from a two weeks visit in Marion.

Al Ritchey, Harley Colvin, and A. L. Fellers of Bourbon are in the city today attending court.

G. W. Marble and Chas. Bushman are in Wisconsin looking up lumber for the Novelty.

Some of our Plymouth sportsmen are now in the wilds of Starke county in search of game.

If this sort of weather continues, it will be the cause of a big cut in the holiday trade.

The Elektron Cycle company made a large shipment of wheels to Chicago yesterday.

George Wolford will spend Christmas in Plymouth with his father and sister.

Lee M. Kendall is arranging his affairs for his contemplated trip to the Klondike gold fields early in the spring time.

The Rathbone sisters will meet in K. P. hall next Friday evening Dec. 17th at 7:30. All are requested to be present.

Charlie Willard is well pleased with the town of Portland. He says that business is good in that little city. He returned yesterday.

The order of the Eastern star meets tonight in the Masonic hall. There will be seven initiations and a splendid time is anticipated.

Samuel McCombs and family returned home from Georgia yesterday. They resided in that state two years, and have no desire to return.

We have a number of bibles which we do not wish to carry over and will sell them at cost and below cost to close them out. People's Drug Store.

Present indications points to a big crowd in the opera house on the evening of Dec. 22nd, to greet the Swedish Grand Concert company.

There was no dance at Link Geik's house on Friday night. The Independent was mistaken, Link will not allow dancing in his house.

The annual convention of the Marshall county Sunday school association will be held in Plymouth, Feb. 8 and 9, 1898. Executive Committee.

Mrs. George W. Marble, of South Michigan street, will entertain a party of young folks this evening in honor of Miss Myrtle Mizner, her guest, of Monmouth, Ill.

Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday with showers in north portion.

To be given away Jan. 21 at the Phoenix a solid oak side beveled French glass. Ticket free with each 6 cent purchase.

Keep the wind and snow out by using weather strip around your doors and windows. You can get it at Leonard's furniture store.

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