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Pants! Pants! Pants!

JEANS AND CORDUROY TO ORDER.

A good pair of steel gray jeans working pants made to order for..... **\$3.00.**

Two grades corduroy pants, pair to order... **\$4.00**

Suits and Overcoats at living prices.

KLEINSCHMIDT, THE TAILOR.

Those Who Fail to Attend Our **GREAT JANUARY CLOTHING SALE**

WILL EVER HAVE CAUSE TO REGRET IT.

We are positively making the greatest offers in Men's, Youths' and Children's Clothing, Overcoats and Pants ever before known in Marshall County.

We say the greatest and most truly genuine bargains ever before offered. Because we give a clean, straight discount of

30 per cent.

which is more than any other house has done or ever dared to do.

All Clothing is marked in bold, plain figures before they are placed on the shelves, which, by the way, is the **only** legitimate, honest method that can be pursued—proving at once that the customers' judgment is taken into consideration as well as our own.

Furthermore it establishes a mutual confidence between the buyer and seller.

The lines are yet unbroken, assortments complete in every respect, in all grades and styles.

PONDER OVER THESE PRICES.

MEN'S

\$10.50 buys the best Clay Worsted, Melton or Scotch made.
7.00 buys an excellent all wool Clay Worsted.
6.95 buys a strictly all-w. of fine Cassimere or Cheviot.
5.95 buys a fine all-wool Cassimere, which in style, fit and workmanship will equal any \$12.00 suit.

YOUTHS'

\$7.00 buys a fine Clay Worsted, stylish made, quality guaranteed, workmanship fine.
4.55 buys a heavy, strictly all-wool Cassimere.
2.27 buys a good wearing knock about suit.

CHILDREN'S

\$4.20 buys an Imported English Novelty, nobby, neat and stylish.
2.32 buys an all-wool Cassimere, not to be had elsewhere for \$4.50.
1.40 buys a good Cassimere, durable and substantial.
70c buys a Suit.

The Overcoat stock is yet very complete, assortments large, varieties good, all quantities, all sizes. Come in and look through, gladly show you. Prices are spot cash; sale will close January 31, 1896.

BALL & CARABIN, PLYMOUTH

FARMERS DO YOU WANT CASH?

Then cut your second growth White Ash into bolts and logs and deliver to our factory. Bolts cut 4 1/2 long, 6 inches in diameter and up, \$6.50 per cord. Logs cut 5 1/2, 11 or 16 1/2 feet long, 12 inches in diameter and up, \$18 per thousand. Must be straight timber and free from knots.

INDIANA NOVELTY M'FG CO.

COMMERCIAL CLUB.

SHALL WE FORM ONE OF THEM IN PLYMOUTH.

A Feasible Plan Whereby Benefits Both Financial and Social, May be Obtained in Plymouth.

Ever since the INDEPENDENT has been in this beautiful city, the necessity of a suitable building for the purpose of holding entertainments, both from abroad, and and home talent has been urged. This necessary adjunct, is not only needed for the benefits previously mentioned, but for the good of our city, from a commercial stand point.

We desire to place before the business men, and all citizens of our city, a plan, whereby this much needed improvement may be added to our city, and through a means that will not necessitate the outlay of a large sum of money by any one individual at any one time and in a short period bring fourth benefits to our city that will not only prove a source of revenue to the projectors of the enterprise, but give our city a prestige that other places have enjoyed through the promulgating of the same mode of doing business.

The first thing to be contemplated is the forming of a "Commercial Club." This club to form itself into a stock company, shares being placed at \$10.00 each. Let this company organize with the understanding that in one year aggressive movements will be made to purchase a suitable site to erect a large, commodious building, the principal feature being, that it shall contain suitable space for an opera house. The important feature regarding this movement, should be so conducted that the humblest mechanic could buy stock if he so desired. While the shares may be \$10.00 let it be so arranged that the payment of the shares will be dividid into four equal payment during the year. In this way, by judicious management, and an enthusiastic effort put fourth, a large sum of money would be in the hands of the treasurer of the Commercial Club, besides the accumulation of year. At this time, the club could more readily decide how to invest the money accumulated in this systematical way.

Will our citizens thoughtfully think over this matter? There are a large number of our citizens of Plymouth, who have invested their money in Building Loan and stock, wherein the money has been sent out of our city and in a number of cases no actual benefits derived either by themselves or the community in which they live. This project presented will not only prove a financial benefit to them, but within two years, or sooner if necessary, a grand monument will arise in Plymouth which will be the direct result of pluck and energy displayed by the citizens of Plymouth.

This is a matter of considerable importance, and we are confident our people without prejudice look into this subject thoroughly. It would also be a feasible plan to make an assessment of 25 cents or 30 cents upon each member, to conduct the business so as to leave money received on shares wholly intact.

We might say this is no new scheme. Marion, Indiana, entered into the same plan of business some time ago and as a result, the Commercial Club of that city has sustained an enviable reputation throughout that entire section of the state. This subject has been canvassed among some of our business men and they all with one accord are in favor of the effort being put forth, and a Commercial Club organized in Plymouth that will make itself a potent factor in the future of Queen C. ty, of Indiana.

Entirely Wrong.

We have been informed by a little "bird that hears a great deal, that some of our democratic friends think the INDEPENDENT is inclined to considerable partiality when speaking about political conventions, giving preference to the republicans. The INDEPENDENT tries to be impartial in all its reports, regarding political gatherings. We reported the meeting of the democrats recently held at the opera house in this district convention with nearly a half column report. When the republican county committee met, they received a notice of about a dozen lines. The report of the INDEPENDENT regarding the meeting at South Bend, was about the same in matter as the report of the democratic gathering in Plymouth, and delegates who attended that meeting were courteous enough to give the scribe of this paper the information regarding the meeting. We did seek for information regarding the meeting

at Indianapolis, but failed to find any one who was acquainted with the facts to justify us in giving an elaborate report of the same.

The editors of the INDEPENDENT do not claim to be mind readers, nor do they claim to have power to hypnotize those that are conversant with the political affairs of county, state or nation, and thus see are the facts. The columns of this paper are always open for information along political lines, but to receive it and give the news regarding meetings etc., those who are interested in the different political factions must understand that we can not report that which we do not possess. Please give us the facts, then if we do not report them, the time is ripe to criticize and condemn.

IT WAS NOT TRUE.

The Assertion Made by the Democrat This Week Regarding the Caucus Being Held in the Clerk's Office Not Sustained by Evidence Secured.

In all matters pertaining to the welfare of the public, be it of a private nature or otherwise, the INDEPENDENT proposes to stand out fearlessly and boldly, and fight to the bitter end anything that comes under our observation that is produced by "ring rule," or where, for party sake or political gain, untruth is flaunted in the breeze under the mask of hypocrisy. Our readers no doubt have fresh in their memory an article in yesterday's INDEPENDENT wherein "A. Observer" desired to learn whether the charges made in the issue of Jan. 23d of the Plymouth Democrat, were true.

Appreciating the gravity of the request asked at our hands, we proceeded in an honest and fearless manner to learn the exact facts of the charges made and present to the public the evidence secured by close investigation.

The facts in the case are, that the republican county central committee met in Plymouth last Saturday afternoon, at about 2 o'clock, in the vacant building formerly occupied by Ryan & Joseph. And further, at this meeting, spoken of by the party, the parties Wiltfong and J. M. Black, were elected to the position of chairman and secretary respectively. We also learned from competent witnesses that at no time during Saturday, Jan. 18th, was the office of the county clerk obstructed in any way so that the regular business pertaining to that office could not be transacted. In an interview with County Clerk Wiltfong we learn that he was at the court house attending to his regular business as county clerk the entire day, barring the time he exercised his rights as a citizen and a republican while attending the convention at the building spoken of, last Saturday afternoon. While the word alone of County Clerk Wiltfong, in our estimation, was sufficient proof, yet, to make it entirely satisfactory to the gentleman who asked these pertinent questions, we interviewed those at the court house, who, we are informed, are of a different political faith than the clerk, and their evidence bore out the above assertions. We have not interviewed Mr. McDonald about the matter, but suppose that if he has the evidence to refute these statements, he will bring it to the front and also the names of the several republicans who desired to attend this packed caucus, but could not secure admission.

He Poisons Dogs.

Some unprincipled reprobate is evidently trying how great a nuisance he can make of himself by poisoning dogs. The INDEPENDENT has previously had occasion to refer to the dog killer and contends now as it did then that any one who scatters dog poison promiscuously is beneath the respect of a decent community. There is no excuse for poisoning dogs at all.

If your neighbor's dog is dangerous or annoying, or if you have a grudge against him do not poison him. To administer poison is the act of a coward. Several dogs have been poisoned within three or four days. One is known to have died. Another harmless puppy which never goes beyond its owner's yard fence, was saved only by prompt medical attendance. It had eaten of a pigs foot loaded with strychnine and tossed into the yard. If there is any one in this city who takes a morbid delight in poisoning dogs it is time he had his muddy train fumigated, with the idea of making him a respectable citizen.

License to Wed.

John Deal,
Priscilla Weaver.
Alva Hall,
Olive Waltz.

ANOTHER CALL DOWN.

The Editor of The Democrat Makes Another Effort To Belittle The Editor of The Only Independent Paper At The County Seat.

In this weeks issue of the former democratic organ of Marshall County, we received another "call down" from our worthy friend McDonald. To the many who were former readers of the Democrat an explanation is necessary. In quoting an extract from a worthy contemporary we gave him credit for something that Brother McDonald says was produced by him, "after much mental exertion." He also informs us that "Brother Minor" is not the editor of the Columbia City Post. In connection with the latter assertion, we are aware of this fact: The Post announces at the head of its editorial column, F. E. Minor, as city editor. That is sufficient for us. As to McDonald being the author of that article, we are perfectly willing to allow him all the glory there in contained. But the thought that McDonald tries to impress upon the minds of his readers, is that we made this horrible "bull," "because we did not read the Democrat, as the article referred to appeared in his last weeks issue." This soft impeachment we can not deny, for the evidence is too plain. But we have a good excuse, one that will bear the closest scrutiny. We have become exceedingly tired of reading "Reminiscences," "Ramblings," "Sunday School Eddie," "Eddie the Pure," "Granny Siders," and a great many other squibs of rot that appear weekly in the would-be Independent paper No. 2.

BOUND OVER.

Wilber S. Hill Is Held Under \$500 Bonds To Appear In Court. From Monday's Daily.

The trial of Wilber S. Hill, occupied the entire afternoon in Justice Reeves' court, and during the trial the well known phrase of "Standing Room," was visible to all those who attempted to enter the hall of justice. It is truly marvelous how a case of this kind will bring out the men. There is a "struggle" going on by those present to claim this piece of inoffensive furniture, to get a glimpse of the plaintiff in the case. Mr. Chas. Kellison was the attorney for the defense, and the manner in which he handled the case convinced those who look upon the case with an impartial eye that the evidence presented by the plaintiff was not pertinent to the charge made. Judge Hess handled the prosecution. While in our estimation Mr. Hill is not guilty of the serious charge made against him, and believe he will be discharged when the case comes up before the court, yet he has built up for himself an unenviable reputation, not only in Plymouth, but elsewhere, and it is to be hoped that the lessons presented in the prosecutions he has gone through during the past month, will lead him to be more circumspect in the future. We learn that attorney Kellison has applied for an early trial and under the circumstances it should be granted.

About Dogs and Dog Killing.

An article in Saturday's DAILY INDEPENDENT touching upon dogs and dog killing has attracted considerable attention and called out no inconsiderable comment. This is as it should be because, though dogs have not a commercial value as have cattle, hogs and horses, they are taxable property and are equally deserving of protection. There is a question as to which is the greatest town nuisance, pigs or dogs. A pig pen may raise a stench that smells to heaven and contaminates the atmosphere of an entire neighborhood. Why then should a dog be poisoned or shot for a generally less offensive annoyance?

It is not our purpose to discuss this matter further here. We append a communication on the subject and since it has become a matter for public discussion we open the columns of the INDEPENDENT for a free general discussion of "The City Dog" and invite the opinions of our readers. The following is in reply to the INDEPENDENT's article "He Poisons Dogs" of Saturday.

EDITOR DAILY INDEPENDENT:— "After reading with much interest your article on "He poisoned dogs," in your issue of Saturday, Jan. 25, I can heartily endorse all you say in regard to the dog killer, but as the dog question is up for discussion I would like to say a few words on the other side of this question especially in regard to the harmless puppy which never goes beyond its owners yard fence. Now I wish to say without fear of successful

contradiction that this class of dogs does not exist in our city unless he is a permanent cripple caused by a pitched battle with some neighbors cat, in some other neighbors back yard, or by injuries received in a free for all fight at a sociable half mile from home. Now the city dog differs materially in habits from the country dog; he of the country makes himself useful in many ways.

While the city dog is certainly a public nuisance, he is here and there and every where. In the spring and summer time he is out in force. He visits your garden when you sleep, and with his everlasting scratching he destroys every thing within his reach. You wake in the morning to find your best flower beds destroyed and your garden a hopeless wreck because he has selected your premises as a pleasure resort the night before. He has been there the mischief is done, and you have no recourse, because your neighbors dog never goes beyond its owners yard fence, and you don't know what neighbors dog has done the mischief. Being the owner of one these pets myself, I once found him gnawing the ball from the trunk of a handsome shade tree, which had run a yellow brand, eat seven blocks from home, when I just told my neighbor that my dog never left my premises. It is proper to add that I have not kept a dog since because he is of no use to me; and he is a nuisance to all my next door neighbors and it don't seem to me that to persistently maintain such a nuisance is the mark of a model citizen. I agree with you, that the dog killer is a nuisance, but I add thereto that the dog is a dog gone nuisance." A Subscriber.

Completely Surprised.

From Saturday's Daily.

Were the boys at Mrs. Frank Orr's last evening. Mrs. Orr had invited the boys of her Sunday School class to spend the evening at her pleasant home on Michigan and Adams streets. Of course the gentlemen knew the evening's pleasure could not be properly consummated without the presence and aid of the young ladies. They were each trying, suggested "The friends of the boys," but suddenly a charm was added to the scene that would gladden the most cynical heart. Half a score of the "dear little innocents" precipitated themselves into the midst of the masculine crowd. The cloud of depression disappeared as the mist before the wind, and the rest of the evening was passed very pleasantly. Later on a supper was served, to the guests in "blocks of four." Those present were:

Misses—	Eva Smith
Mable Wallace.	Cliff Nash.
Mary Howe.	Mertle Cummings.
Frances Everson.	Janetta Everson.
Mable Jacoby.	
Messes—	Will Warrens.
Bert Rosenthal.	John Rupert.
Josie Whitlock.	Joseph Black.
Harry Craig.	Bert Cummings.
Rollo Bennett.	

Went to the Orient.

Wm. Mc. Laughlin, the genial salesman at J. C. Kuhn & Sons, was sick Friday. When he determined to vary the monotony of unspiced occidental life by luxuriating for one night in the land of the Orient he little knew the insidious nature of the seductive pleasures he was about to encounter. The odors of incense and myrrh and the languorous, dreamy pleasures of the East were too much for William's Western nature and he succumbed. When he was anointed with oil of fragrant pomegranates and his senses were lulled to delicious restfulness by potent potions from the hand of an Eastern Princess he was lifted to the seventh heaven and was ready to worship at the shrine of Osiris, Apis, Somnus, or any god that might be set before him.

But all this was followed by a reaction when he returned from the Land of the Morning Sun. His mind wandered some what. He saw strange phantasmagoria and finally fancied himself a night blooming cereus. As he fancied himself folding up and fading out of existence, he awoke. His tongue was furred, indicating a case of indignation. He is reported as being on the road to rapid recovery.

Birthday Party.

A small gathering of near friends assembled at the residence of J. W. Wiltfong in honor of the birthday of Miss Ethel Wiltfong. An enjoyable evening was spent. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. D. Frank Redd, Frank and Carrie Brooke, Miss Lilly Gilberts, Miss M. A. Thayer and friend Miss Inwood of Chicago. It has been the custom of Miss Wiltfong and Miss M. A. Thayer to celebrate their birthdays together, as they come on the same day, and both are the same age.