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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, and why?

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.  
6.50 buys a strictly all-wool 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 4½ long, 6 inches in diameter and up, \$6.50 per cord. Logs cut 5½, 11 or 16½ feet long, 12 inches in diameter and up, \$18 per thousand. Must be straight timber and free from knots.

INDIANA NOVELTY M'F'G CO.

### BATHED IN BLOOD

JOHN SWOVERLAND SHOT TO DEATH.

A Feud of Two Years Standing Ends in a Pitch Battle, at a Public Sale Yesterday at the farm of Chas. Eleesner, North of Bourbon.

In last evening's INDEPENDENT a special gave out the information that John Swoverland an old resident six miles north of Bourbon had been killed. Quite a ripple of excitement was caused by the announcement, as the deceased had numerous acquaintances and friends in Plymouth and the surrounding section of country.

The INDEPENDENT has made diligent inquiry into the unfortunate affair and gleaned the following:

The trouble that led up to the shooting affair of yesterday, occurred some two years ago at a turkey shooting some five miles north of Bourbon, where in a rough and tumble fight Samuel Stewart got the worst of it. It is stated that young Stewart asserted that the matter wasn't settled and that they would meet again. The hard feelings between the participants continued.

About a month ago Merideth Swoverland, who lives but a short distance from his father, had some clothes stolen from his house and accused a Gus Sickmiller of committing the theft. Unfortunately for all parties concerned, this Sickmiller was a chum of Samuel Stewart, and of course in the war of words that followed, Stewart defended Sickmiller. In this altercation as on previous occasions, the elder Swoverland took matters in hand and defended his boys.

Some four or five weeks ago the two parties met in Bourbon, and a war of words ensued. At this time the elder Swoverland went to a hardware store and purchased a .32 caliber revolver with this declaration:

"He had but a few years to live, and that he would kill Stewart before he died." At the same time he is quoted as saying: "If any one had any trouble with his boys he would take it up for them."

Matters stood in this strained condition when they met at a public sale yesterday at Charles Eleesner's which ended in a bloody tragedy. The place where the affair occurred was only ½ mile south of the home of John Swoverland, and all the parties were there. Before anything of an antagonistic character arose the Elder Swoverland returned home.

Shortly after this a discussion was entered into between Merideth and Stewart. Merideth then sent his younger brother to tell his father to come back. When the boy arrived at home on his fatal errand Mart Swoverland tried to persuade his father not to go back. But it seems the old gentleman had made up his mind to settle the trouble for good as his subsequent actions proved, when he arrived at the sale. He stopped in the middle of the road and called to Stewart, saying:

"Come out and take your medicine. I have got something for you and you have got to take it!"

Stewart started toward the middle of the road, and when within about twelve feet from Swoverland, the latter drew his revolver from his over coat pocket and fired. The bullet, Stewart says just missed his head. At this juncture Stewart pulled his gun, a .38 calibre, and fired twice, both shots taking effect in Mr. Swoverland's head. At the second shot the old man fell, and ere the horrified witnesses could move to intercept Stewart he fired a third shot into the prostrate man's stomach. Merideth then jumped on Stewart with a dirk, cutting him twice—once on the left arm and again on two of his fingers. In the meantime Stewart snapped his revolver several times at his antagonist, and finding it was empty, turned it and beat young Swoverland over the head with the butt end until he knocked him down. A constable on the grounds from Bremen was called upon to arrest Stewart, but not being armed was unable to make the arrest.

By this time those present seemed to recover from the shock. John Carter ran up to the old man and attempted to raise him up. Swoverland looked up and told him to let him lay where he was as he could rest easier. A buggy was brought immediately and the dying man placed in it, but he never spoke again and expired before the short half mile between the place of the tragedy and his home had been traversed.

Stewart went to Bourbon where he received medical care for his wounds then placed himself into the hands of

the constable at that place, who brought him to Plymouth last evening.

As stated last night the deceased was one of Bourbon township's most wealthy farmers, and the deplorable end of a worthy citizen is to be regretted by all. When Mr. Stewart will have his preliminary examination will probably be learned some time today.

An examination of the wounds made were examined yesterday. The first bullet struck Swoverland near the right nipple, and another in the back of the head, and still remain in the body. The other shot took effect in the back of the head, but was only a scalp wound.

The funeral will be held next Sunday at the White school house 4 miles northwest of Bourbon, at 10 o'clock.

### That Band Wagon.

Editor McDonald, in one of his space filling articles this week, takes us to task for reminding the editor of the Republican that it was time for him to quit sulking and get into the "band wagon." Mc. has become so egotistical that he begins to think no one has a right to say anything to Brother Brooke but his "lordship." So he starts the ball rolling again by reiterating the same discordant refrain, that we have gotten into the "band wagon" and are playing the organ for the so called "ring."

"Don't you let that cause you to lose any sleep, Mc. We have our weather eye on you. We distinctly remember that grand stand play of yours: "Independent in all things, and neutral in nothing." And if you can produce from the files of your independent sheet, one item that has appeared in it, wherein you have spoken a good word for any man on the opposite side of the political fence, we will give in. Yes, we will go you one better. We will make you a present of one of those crayon bust portraits which we are giving to new subscribers; yes, sir, we will make it a full length picture. So produce.

And, how about the time when the democratic national convention meets, and the free silver plank you desire to ride is not placed in the platform: what will you do? We will tell you this. When the "band wagon" of democracy comes rolling down the street, with its banners waving, and the band playing, and the wagon filled with the exception of a small space in the rear end—if you attempt to scramble in and squat down on the end gate, we will be there and give you a punch to remind you of that saying: "Independent in all things and neutral in nothing."

### About the 165.

We recognize another of Mc Donald's dream-land vagaries when he refers to the INDEPENDENT as the Twilight Organ. We might most fittingly call McDonald's paper "Political Paradox" but by so doing would simply express what the public, the democratic portion particularly, has already taken as tacitly understood. We are surprised though, at the negative admission of fin de siecle Journalist McDonald when he refers to the editor of the Twilight Organ with his 165 daily subscribers.

Why, Mc, we have some city subscribers other than those the Democrat have lost to the INDEPENDENT. You can not reach a fair estimate by simply counting those actually lost by the Democrat. There are others. For instance, there are some, quite a number in fact, whose paid in advance subscriptions to the Democrat have not yet expired and who take both papers but who will take the INDEPENDENT alone when the other subscription expires. And why not? There is no reason why people who want a newspaper should take the Democrat, once a week, at \$2.00 a year when they can get the INDEPENDENT, six times a week, at \$4.00 a year. The Democrat has done well not to have lost more than 165. No doubt the others have been held by "Old Time Reminiscences."

### That Decision.

As announced last night in the INDEPENDENT, the supreme court has made a sweeping decision, regarding the gerrymanders, which reports says was done for legislature purposes. It has caused a great commotion throughout the state. Owing to the fact that conventions have been held, it is probable that no calls will be issued under the new condition of affairs.

### Wishes to Return Thanks.

C. C. Wilkinson, a veteran of the civil war and member of Deacon Post, No. 115, G. A. R., of New Carlisle, wishes to return his deep and sincere thanks to Post No. 290 of this city and especially to a number of individual members of this post who materially aided him in his time of distress and sore need. He returned to New Carlisle Thursday.

### OUR CITY FATHERS.

STREET PAVING ONCE MORE TO THE FRONT.

Business of Importance Transacted—Mr. Maxey Desired Recognition—Shake up in the Waterworks Department.

The city council met in regular session last Monday night, Jan. 27th, to dispatch the city's business.

Those present were Mayor Swindell, Aldermen Tibbetts, Bailey, Hughes, Gretzinger, Tanner and Reynolds, City Attorney Logan and Clerk Leonard.

About the first item of interest was the appearance of Mr. Maxey, who represented the annulled 4th ward and desired to know whether he would be recognized by the mayor in the official capacity of an alderman.

The mayor informed him that he could learn by referring to the minutes of a previous meeting.

Mr. Maxey further insisted upon a positive answer, in regard to the mayor refusing to recognize him. Becoming satisfied in the matter, he retired.

The minutes of the previous meeting of Jan. 13th were read, and approved.

Mr. Henry Humrichouser presented petition to have taxes removed that he alleged were levied unlawfully. The matter was referred to the city attorney.

The Logan Brothers also presented petition, desiring the city to purchase a strip of land owned by them on Garro street and joining city property, which, if secured by the city, would straighten Garro street in that locality. The matter was referred to the street and alley committee.

At this time the superintendent of the water work presented a report regarding the condition of affairs under his control. He said that the work being done by the engineer and his assistant was entirely unsatisfactory. That considerable waste in supplies was a daily occurrence and the machinery at the pumping station, either through ignorance or carelessness, was misused. He further continued, that he had been considerably worried over the affair, and desired the members of the council to investigate the matter and learn for themselves that it was as represented. That the chairman of the waterworks committee had seen sufficient to satisfy himself that a change should be made and that immediately.

He also informed the council that he did not believe in the present plan of doing the work at the pumping station. If anything went wrong, and one of the men in charge was reprimanded, he would invariably lay it on his assistant; and vice versa.

He was in favor of hiring a competent man to take charge; this man to hire his own help and stand responsible for all trouble. It is probable the council will act according to the suggestion of the water works superintendent.

The finance committee was instructed to borrow \$2,000 at 6 per cent interest from the State Bank.

The committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of erecting a new school building on the south side, reported unfavorably, believing it the best policy to defer the matter another year, owing to the scarcity of money, and the debt already carried by the city.

At this time Alderman Tibbetts presented a resolution that in substance was as follows: That the street and alley committee be authorized to investigate the plan of paving Michigan and Laporte streets. The portion to be paved on Michigan street lying between Washington street to Yellow river, and on Laporte street from Michigan street to Ft. Wayne depot. The paving to be done with bricks and extend from curb to curb. If the matter in the mind of the committee should be feasible, they were further authorized to present to the council a declaratory resolution at the next regular meeting of the council for such improvement, together with plans and specifications to be furnished the city civil engineer.

The council also passed a resolution admitting the Klinger addition to the city of Plymouth.

Mr. J. G. Leonard was appointed as temporary engineer at the water works.

### State Committee Met.

The state executive committee of the W. C. T. U. which met in Indianapolis Jan. 6th, made the following appointment, there being but one for each state.

The state representative of "Purity of Literature and Art," Mrs. Harriet M. Ault of Plymouth. Mrs. Ault was notified of the appointment, and through correspondence met the requirements for this office. As this department requires legislation, there will be a short

time during the session of our state legislature that will require Mrs. Ault to be in Indianapolis each winter, but she will still remain with us, as recording secretary of our local union, and also press superintendent of Marshall Co.

### The Tragedy.

All the topic of conversation to be heard today is the shooting affair that occurred yesterday. Having taken place at a public sale, there are plenty of eye witnesses to the sad affair. The reports given do not conflict in the main features, but only in some minor points. One thing is dwelt upon by a greater portion of the acquaintances, that it was the result of a feud of long standing.

A number of our prominent citizens were personally acquainted with the deceased, a man of quick and uncontrollable temper, and rash in his actions toward anyone he believed was trying to injure him in any way. It has been stated by those who transacted business for him, that upon many occasions he has been warned regarding his aggressiveness getting him into trouble. At the court house this morning, numerous reminiscences of his past life in connection with lawsuits were brought out.

### Stewart Talks

An INDEPENDENT reporter interviewed Samuel Stewart this morning in his cell at the county jail. He did not seem uneasy about the result of his shooting Swoverland. His own story regarding the previous trouble that brought on the shooting is the same as reported in another column, with the exception that his trouble with the Swoverlands didn't go back farther than the time that his friend Sickmiller was accused of stealing the clothes. While he knew yesterday the old man was very mad, he did not think he intended to shoot him until it was too late for him to retreat. Young Stewart's arm is somewhat better, but will give him a great deal of trouble, and may yet cause the elbow joint to be stiffened. The dirk used by young Swoverland entered the front part of the arm, below the elbow some five inches, passing through and the point coming out on the other side near the elbow joint.

### Special Meeting.

A large number of Plymouth Division No. 67, of the 5th regiment K. of P. met at their castle hall Tuesday evening. After the transaction of business consisting of reports from the different officers, and the reading of orders from headquarters of the regiment, they proceeded to elect officers which resulted as follows:

Sir Knight Dr. Brown, Captain.  
" " Schilts, 1st Lieutenant.  
" " J. Eich, Herald.  
" " Slater, Recorder.  
" " Baylor, Treasurer.

The division starts out this year with bright prospects for a brilliant future. It is to be hoped that the members of the organization will see to it that this important project in the city of Plymouth is pushed to the front where it so richly deserves to remain.

### District Convention.

The populists district convention was held in South Bend Tuesday, and an enthusiastic time was reported. W. H. Craig and P. G. Keeley, of this city, represented this portion of the district.

J. S. Bender, and P. G. Keeley, of Plymouth were elected chairman and secretary in the order mentioned. Although Mr. Bender was not present at the meeting his former work for the party was recognized by his receiving this important office.

The district convention for the election of delegates to the national convention at St. Louis, will be held in Plymouth May 21st, at which time a great love feast will be held.

### Commissioners Meet.

The Board of County Commissioners met Wednesday to transact business. One of the important features of this meeting, will be the appointing of a successor to recently resigned superintendent of the county poor, Mr. N. E. Bunch. As there are several applicants for this important position, considerable interest is being manifested. Up to the time of going to press no appointment has been announced.

LATER—Prosper Mickey, of Walnut township, was appointed Wednesday afternoon receiving a salary of \$700 a year.

### Harnessed Up.

At Justice Reeves' office Wednesday occurred the marriage of Elmer Cook, of Van Wert, Ohio, and Miss Millie Baxter. The ceremony was done up in proper shape by squire Reeves.