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LOCAL EVENTS.

That was a cold snap that dropped down upon us Monday night.

The meetings at the M. E. church were discontinued Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross, of Dwight, attended the Marsh-Buckles wedding Sunday.

J. C. McKinney, of Chicago, has been talking real estate to some of our business men.

The board of supervisors have been in session this week, finishing their work Thursday.

Boyer & Austin have sold their Percheron stallion, Helder, to Henry Kohl, of Vandalia, Mo.

The coal miners at Streator received a little over \$110,000 in wages during the month of December.

Some of our communications came too late for publication last week, so give them room in this issue.

The barber shop of A. J. Diefenbach is being neatly fixed up with a fresh coat of paint and being papered.

The first shovel of dirt was turned on the World's Fair site in Chicago last week with great ceremony.

The Christian Endeavor Society held a business meeting at the residence of Miss Bessie Baker Tuesday evening.

Conversions have been very numerous during the weeks past at both churches. This week completes the protracted meetings.

Rev. Miller, the evangelist, who has been assisting Rev. France at the Congregational church, left Sunday for Chicago.

Agent Huey and brother, Ralph, are stopping at the McPherson House during the illness of other members of their family.

Examinations in our schools were held during this week Thursday and Friday, it being the close of the first winter month.

A son of Pete Jepson's died Monday at the age of four years. He had been sick but a short time. The funeral was held Tuesday.

The cold snap which visited this section is almost obliterated. The weather is very fine and the frost is rapidly leaving the ground.

The meetings which have been in progress at the Congregational church closed last Saturday night. It has been attended with good success.

Our electricity seems to be a little frisky, to say the least, but doubtless when matters are fully adjusted it will move more regularly.

In door base ball has been organized at Streator. There are two clubs now in that city. They played their first match game Saturday night last.

F. L. Smith returned to Englewood Monday after spending several days with friends in town. He has been in very poor health for some time.

Miss Smith, who has been at work for Miller Bros. as seamstress, is lying very ill. Though her condition is dangerous, it is hoped she may recover.

Jared Williams is offering his livery barn and contents for sale. Here is a good opportunity for some one wishing to go into the livery business.

Owing to a hot box in connection with the electric light engine last Saturday night, several stops were made necessary, thus causing the lights to be uncertain.

The masquerade ball given at the opera house last Friday evening was a great event, both socially and financially. The Danish Brotherhood cleared over thirty dollars.

Old Mr. Orr is having a serious time with a cancer on his hand. It is in a very malignant form and he intends to go to Chicago and have an operation performed on it soon.

Henry Turnbaugh, who has been reported killed in various ways and at different times, is in good health and prospering in his new Iowa home. Good luck to you Henry.

Ed Hahn has purchased the half interest in the meat market of Hohn & Keim, taking charge of the same Monday next. We wish the new firm all the success attainable. Give them a call.

The Farmers' Alliance as a political party are making great inroads into the two powerful parties. It is reported that an organization will soon be accomplished in Dwight and vicinity.

We are at work now on our special edition. If any one desires space therein that we have not called upon, they can obtain the same either by applying in person, or through the postoffice.

J. C. Hetzel has sold his fine residence property on the corner of Franklin and Chippawee streets, to J. C. Lewis. Mr. Lewis will take possession of the same about May 1st.

Judge Stipps, who has been confined in the asylum at Kankakee, and who for a short time being mentally incapable to attend to his duty as judge, is improving rapidly and will be able to hear the argument in the Ford case for a new trial.

A circular has been issued by the G. A. R. executive board of Illinois for comrades of both state and nation to meet at Decatur on the 6th day of April next to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the organization of the first post of the order at that place.

There will be a masquerade ball given at the opera house on the evening of Feb. 20th. The committee on arrangements is composed of Ames Orr, C. Crandall, A. J. Diefenbach and James Kelagher. There is no doubt about the success of the ball under their management.

The Herbert's Grand Constellation Co. have been holding the boards at the Opera House this week, filling a four night's engagement. They have not had very good houses, but the weather seemed to be the trouble. The company are very good deserving better patronage than they received.

County Superintendent Foster, renominated Miss C. M. Hamilton as his assistant. The appointment was unanimously confirmed by the board of supervisors. Superintendent Foster is to be commended upon his choice as Miss Hamilton has filled the office creditably and efficiently for a number of years.

A great many people desire envelopes with their name and address printed on them, but owing to the expense for a small number, do without them. We are making a special offer for this kind of work for the next two weeks. We will furnish you 100 fine envelopes, (no cheap things), with your name printed neatly for 75 cents.

The Imperial Quartette which under the auspices of the C. E. Society, gives one of their grand concerts at the opera house to night (Friday) are one of the finest in this country. We go to press too early this week to give an account of the entertainment; but there will be a large gathering, as the majority of the reserved seats are already taken.

A communication to the *Morris Herald* by Cornelius Reardon, makes a statement that is not generally known, and that is that Wm. Scully, the great land owner is an American citizen, having taken out his naturalization papers in the year 1882. If this is true, there has been a good deal of silly talk through the columns of a number of papers about "Scully, the Alien land owner."

Did you ever see the Star of Bethlehem? Of course, you have not unless you have seen it within the past few weeks, as it only appears every 315 years. It can be seen now in the evening about 8 o'clock. It appears a little south of east, and is a very brilliant orb. It will be visible about two months, and those who do not get a glimpse of this illustrious planet this winter will never get to see the stars of ancient history.

Now Gould has succeeded in effecting a combination of the leading western railroads and an arrangement has been made between all these roads for pooling so as to keep up rates. The senate of the United States have gone immediately at work to modify the inter-state commerce law so to do away with the anti-pooling section. We begin to think it is about time the Farmers' Alliance got into politics and the control of governmental affairs.

Our machinist, Mr. Stiff, who hailed from Chicago, and took charge of the Keppinger building, went to Pontiac one day last week and up to the present time has failed to put in his appearance. We do not mourn the loss of a couple of dollars which he owes us for work, but feel badly over the "stiff" he gave us in relation to the way he would revolutionize the mechanical world in this section, and tearing our engine up side down side, with the fixtures scattered all over this end of Mazon syente.

In glancing over an Alliance paper published in the Sunflower State, Kansas, we observe a few bills which the Farmers' Alliance are going to push to the front in the legislature of that state. Among them are: Suppression of the Pinkerton detective and similar organizations; for the Crawford primaries; the Australian balloting system; revision of the mortgage and redemption laws, making the interest rate 6 per cent, and reduction of railway rates so as to make the rate of income 6 per cent on the actual investment.

The town of Harvey, near Chicago, is having a great boom since the first of August, when the first house was built on the present site. It has increased in population over 1,500. It has two papers

which are doing a great boom business. The little city is under the control of the white ribbon brigade, who are determined to make it a strictly temperance town, which is so stipulated in the deed or title of property. If any intoxicant is sold on the land it reverts back to the original owner. Its manufacturing interests has reached \$300,000.

There will be an entertainment at the Opera House Friday evening, 13th, which will be of an interesting character. It will be "Life Behind the Bars at the Joliet Prison." It will be composed of 100 were in the prison, and a lecture given by Prof. W. C. Belden. These views were taken by S. W. Wetmore, who was record clerk and photographer of the prison. The press speaks very highly of this entertainment and as it has been in Chicago for several weeks, our people can feel confident that it will be instructive and highly profitable. The price of admission will be 15, 25 and 35 cents. Reserved seats will be on sale at Barr's drug store.

The partisan view of the duties of a representative in the legislature is that he is a mere tool of the party, a cog in the wheels of partisan machinery; that he must obey the dictation of party bosses or the party caucus. It is not a very elevated position for a man of honor to place himself in, as it is an acknowledgment that he is a dog with a collar or a sheep with a master's brand on him. That this is the case is the cause of the turmoil and dishonesty which attends legislative proceedings. The people elect representatives because they have confidence in their intelligence and their manhood, and the people ought to kick against servility in these men either to party or to bribery.

G. L. Keim, the popular young man who has yielded the saw and cleaver in the meat market of Hahn & Keim, and who has been the junior member of that firm for some time, is going to leave Dwight. Mr. Keim will taste his lot among the citizens of our neighboring city, Streator, where the probabilities are that in the near future will enter into business there. Gus will be missed here, and on delightful summer evenings when members of the now defunct brass band will gather together to practice over some of their old pieces and strive to learn some of the latest addition, Gus' musical laugh will be missed. But we cheerfully commit him to the care of the Streatorites. We can recommend him as a first-class business man, and one who will be missed from among us.

The Fursman Case Again Continued. The Fursman forgery case has been further continued by Judge Sample to the May term of the circuit court. This was done on motion of Strawn & Norton, attorneys for the defense, owing to the unavoidable absence of principal witnesses. The county board by an almost unanimous vote, have engaged McIlhuff & Torrance to assist State's Attorney McDowell in the prosecution.—*Pontiac Weekly Leader.*

To Our Subscribers. We have had charge of the STAR AND HERALD three months, and one of our resolutions has been to never ask our subscribers to pay in advance for the paper, or urge upon their notice that they are in arrears, but we will state that we have obligations to meet this month that will take considerable money, and all those who have contemplated renewing their subscription and paying old scores, will confer a lasting favor on us by doing it this month. We are determined to make the STAR AND HERALD a success, and by the little assistance our subscribers give us we can meet our obligations promptly and thereby benefit them as well as ourselves.

The Last Indian War. Indian wars from this time on ought to be made an impossibility. It is likely to be the white man's fault if they are not. Firmness, consideration, and common sense will make a comparatively easy to get the Indians on the way towards citizenship. The trouble we have just gone through may be a valuable means to that end. It has brought the consequences of our old and selfish policy to the public mind at a time when some encouraging results of the newer and better one may be pointed out as proof of what education and fair dealing can do. The reservations must go. The guns must go. The chiefs and the medicine men, the tepee and the blanket must go. The Indian must earn his own living, and must make the consequences of willful sloth. He must learn the lesson of equality and personal responsibility. There must be an end of the impossible arrangement by which we treat with him as a foreign sovereign and yet hold him in bondage as a slave. These obligations are fully appreciated by the president and the Interior of officials. If Congress also shall give them heed, and shall render the executive able, by the appropriations, to carry on the reforms so ably begun, we shall have heard, in all probability, the last Indian defiance.—*New York Tribune.*

School Room. [All articles on Educational subjects should be addressed to "School Room Department, Dwight Star and Herald."]]

The Subjunctive Mood.

At the institute in Pontiac H. C. Cox, of Chicago, in his treatment of that much confused subject, the subjunctive mood, spoke as follows: We are told that the subjunctive mood is required when a contingency is implied. Now, contingency has respect to that which is past, that which is present, or that which is to come. But with respect to that which is past and that which is present there can be no contingency of fact. In both cases a thing has been or has not been; either is or is not. The contingency exists only in the mind of the speaker. But when we consider a thing that, as yet, does not exist at all, but which is future, we have a contingency of fact, added to the uncertainty of the speaker's mind. We, then, speak declaratively and indicatively of that which is past or present, but hypothetically of that which is contingent as a fact.

If I then tried this principal by supposed examples and afterward by examples as they occur in various authors. "Is Thomas able to repeat his grammar lesson this morning?" No, he is not, because he was ill last night. If he was ill, that is enough.

Has Thomas come to repeat his grammar? No, he has not, because his head aches. If his head aches that is enough. It either aches or does not ache, therefore there is no contingency of the fact.

But if we pass on to future time, we put the case hypothetically. "As, 'Will Thomas come up to repeat his grammar lesson to-morrow?' 'Yes, if his head do not ache. Did you take a walk yesterday?' 'No, I did not, because it was wet. If it was wet (not if it were) you were better at home. Will you walk now?' 'Yes, if it is not raining. Will you take a walk to-morrow?' 'Yes, if it be not raining. Though he studied (past) the work for twelve months, yet he did not make himself master of it. Though he studies (present) twelve hours a day, yet he makes little progress. Though he study (future) twelve hours, he will not be sufficiently prepared.

"Were I Othello I would not be Iago." Were I Alexander, I would do it. That is were the state of things so altered that I should become Alexander I would do it. If I were in a situation to defend, I would disdain to flee. If he were in my situation, he would be unbearable.

Sentences like these (past in form) and which are confined to the verb were, seem to embrace both present and future time as, "If I were at this moment, or should be at any future time, I would disdain to flee.

The expression being capable with reference to time, present and future, is peculiar, and cannot be classed simply as present tense. It is the participation of futurity that requires the subjunctive form.

If I be well next week I shall call upon him. If he be there by two o'clock he will be on time. Each of these propositions relates to a future contingency, and might be expressed by should or shall be. If it is he, I am much mistaken.

If they are guilty expel them. Each of these relates to present time, and is, therefore, expressed indicatively.

If Caesar was a tyrant he deserved death.

If I was at your party, I have forgotten it.

Both of these refer to past time, and are properly expressed by the indicative mood."

He claims then, that the subjunctive mood, in England, can be used with propriety only when the fact itself has not yet taken place, and is necessarily future.

Prof. Cleland was in favor of dropping this mood and making the indicative more general. In upholding this step he referred to the Latin. While this referring to other languages may show how our language should be, does it show how it really is? Do we have to study Latin, German, Italian, French and Danish before we can use English properly? Is not the English a language by itself? Does not usage make grammar and is it not the intention to make the English language the most complete and still have it as simple as possible? Some of our best grammarians say the subjunctive mood is becoming obsolete and treat it very meagerly. I am glad it is so.

Does not the verb always, in this mood, assert the thing as a fact? Does not the conjunction imply a contingency in the assertion? Take Prof. Cox's own sentences and see if they do not prove it. "If I be (future contingency) which he says can be expressed by shall be well next week I will call upon him." Now, "I be" or "I shall be well" certainly asserts a fact "I shall be well" while the conjunction "if" shows a contingency in the assertion.

This method of reasoning can be carried out in all of his examples I believe. We have conjunctions denoting harmony or opposition, offering or denying a choice between two things, and denot-

ing place, time, casual relations, and manner.

Why not have a class showing a contingency?

This seems to me to be the simplest way to dispose of a difficult subject, but as long as our best grammarians use the subjunctive mood we will have to do so, but that should not hinder us from having opinions of our own. No true teacher can keep from forming an opinion on each and every subject taught.

F. C. McDougall.

An Insult to Honesty.

The bane of American politics is undoubtedly the hideous doctrine which seems to have a fast hold on the minds of a majority of the people, that office is the legitimate spoils of partisanship. It is a sad condition of public morality when it is considered by most people, high praise to say of a public man. "At least his hands are clean, he has made no money corruptly." Such a public opinion reveals a very contemptible standard of public life and character. To put this, in its broadest phase, would not every citizen of probity and honor in his every day life, resent as an insult to the highest magistrate of the land if it was broadly stated that the Chief Justice of the United States did not take bribes? Is it any praise of the Chief Justice to say this of him? Is it any praise of a public man to say he does not steal, or that he does not sell his vote or his influence for money? Is it any particular encomium to any man in this country, be he in public or private station, to say of him he is not a thief, thereby implying that this is a nation of thieves, and all who are not such are entitled to especial and particular praise because they are honest? Partisan politics makes every man's neighbor a rascal, when such opinions as we have mentioned, prevail. An honest official be he judge, congressman, legislator, or county officer, has a right to be offended instead of considering it especial praise, when he is vehemently praised for the possession of those virtues which every decent man is assumed to possess. The people of this great country should indignantly repudiate the idea, that money plays a controlling part in politics and position, or that a majority or even a very small minority of our public men and office holders are venal even to such a degree as to make a particular distinction of those who are honest. Let those who are proved rascals receive the bitter denunciation they deserve. But because there are a few scoundrels it is wrong to imply that all are tainted, either in national or state affairs.

The Ground Hog.

Mr. Ground Hog has had his day. The question which is just now puzzling the brains of the large number of people in this section, who are firm believers in this critter as a reliable weather prophet, is as to the time of day he makes his appearance. Some of the most scholarly of these philosophers insist that the hog does not leave his winter quarters for his inspection until full noon, and if at that time he can discover his shadow, he immediately takes himself to his hole for another six weeks sleep. But the majority of opinion favors the contrary idea and avers that the animal is astir early in the morning and basis his astronomical observations on the condition of the sky at sunrise. Ordinarily this difference of opinion would matter but little. But this year, ground hog day dawned upon us clear and beautiful but remained so but a short time when clouds absorbed the radiant sun and the remainder of the day was drear and dark. So the future condition of the weather is as much of a matter of speculation as if the ground hog fable had never been promulgated. But it is ever thus the calculations of mortals as well as ground hogs, go off amiss and we are obliged to await the developments of fate until they are worked out by nature.

Marriage Licenses.

The following are the names of the parties to whom County Clerk George has issued marriage licenses during the past week:

W. H. Stewart and Miss Maud Deedrich, both of Long Point.
Wm. Buswinger, Round Grove, and Ellen Boule, Dwight.
Jacob Spaniol and Ida May Smith, both of Graymont.

Michael P. Pendergast and Rose P. Conover, both of Sunbury.
Parker Deffenbaugh and Mary Mattille, both of Neyada.
Frank K. Stewart, Cropsy, and Lottie Crouch, Fairbury.

J. W. Marsh and Mrs. Mary E. Buckles, both of Pontiac.
M. J. Ruddy and Mary E. Hart, both of Sunbury.

Dissolution Notice.

The partnership that has existed between G. L. Hahn and G. J. Keim has this day been dissolved, G. J. Keim retiring. Parties knowing themselves indebted to this firm are requested to call and settle their accounts by Feb. 30, 1891.

Hahn & Keim.

As Others See Them.

In every community you will find men who are against the improvement of the town they live in, not only talking against any enterprise that may be brought to light, which if taken at the opportune time would make a general success of the undertaking, but using their utmost, endeavors to stifle all the attempts that are made by men of push and progress. Then again you will meet men who think of the results that improvements will make for them in days to come. They will not use their money for to gain this end, but they will take delight in showing the benefits that can be derived by investing money either in real estate or manufacturing enterprises in the place where they reside.

Now, the one first spoken of reminds us of a picture we once saw that looked something like this.



A single glance at that face would make any sensible person exclaim, "he would squeeze a nickel until it would sweat." But you will meet them every day.

The other class of men you will find they resemble the appearance of this man.



Though not a beauty, there is the expression to that face that shows a good, true, manly heart, whose every impulsive beat is for the betterment of mankind. He may be as ugly as a "mud fence," but if you want a favor, all you will have to do is to intimate it to him, and although he may have other business to attend to, he will neglect it to help you.

These are the two classes, as a rule, that wield their influence for good or for evil in any community.

ODELL.

Will Schuman, of Chicago, was in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Metz spent Sunday with relatives in Dwight.

C. E. Axt went to Springfield Monday to assist the legislature to elect Palmer. Miss Allie Hart and Miss Nellie Russell visited with Mrs. R. R. Hart this week.

Will Donohoe and Fred Eggenberger attended the masquerade ball at Dwight on Friday last.

The Herbert Constellation Company will play at the opera house Friday and Saturday nights of this week.

A large number of Odell people enjoyed the singing of the Imperial Quartette in Dwight Friday evening.

Mrs. Hart returned from Streator on Friday last, where she had been attending her mother who was very sick.

Rob Johnston had the misfortune of losing one of his valuable hunting dogs this week. It is either lost, strayed, or stolen.

Invitations are out for the dedication of the Odd Fellows Hall, which will take place Feb. 10th. The dedication will be followed by a grand ball at Buchanan's opera house.

He was accompanied by J. D. Pound who is looking out for Oglesby's interest. The three young men who were tried before Esquire Close on Friday last for shooting at Geo. Brumback were bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

The gospel temperance meeting was well attended at the M. E. church on Sunday evening. A very interesting solo, sung by Emma Wyman. Address by G. L. VanBuskirk. Declaration by Willie Puffer. Poem read by Miss Elvina Angell and select reading by Miss Powers.