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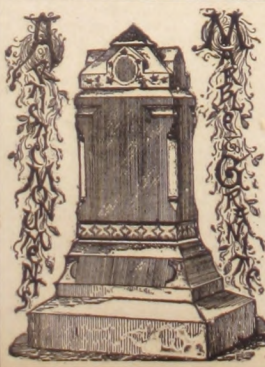
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LOCAL EVENTS.

Attention, Societies!

We have been requested by many of our readers to publish a directory of the churches and different societies in Dwight. We are willing to do so to accommodate the public, but it will be impossible for us to interview men of each organization to get the facts. If the secretaries of the different organizations will prepare and bring to this office copy giving the time of meetings, pastors or presiding officer's and secretary's names, we will publish them each week.

The brick work on the addition to the Livingston is progressing rapidly.

John Thompson was elected mayor of Lacon, Ill. John is rather numerous this year.

It is reported that the new depot will be located between the tracks south of the present depot.

Pontiac voted for waterworks. Waterworks won by 201 majority. Dwight should do the same.

Two Sisters of Charity were in Dwight Thursday, in the interest of a Catholic benevolent society.

The Pontiac Leader presents a portrait of Mayor Alex. McKay this week. He received 103 majority.

The building and loan association in Forrest is a financial success for all concerned. Let us have one in Dwight.

Alexander McKay was elected mayor of Pontiac. It takes Dwight material to get there with both pedal extremities.

Judge Pillsbury retired from the bench last week after eighteen years continuous service. He was tendered a reception in Kankakee.

Robt. Wood, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Campus, was instantly killed by lightning during the severe storm Tuesday night.

Hereafter tickets will be sold on the Alton for the accommodation Sunday mornings for \$1.50 for the round trip, good until 9 a. m. the following Monday. Good.

The opera house has been leased by the Odd Fellows to the Leslie E. Keeley Co. for four months. It will be occupied while the company is erecting its new office building.

The topic of the sermon next Sabbath morning at the Congregational Church will be: "The Gospel Minister; His work, Relation and Incentive." In the evening a second sermon on the Indian Problem.

We give space this week to a letter written by a gentleman here for treatment, to his home paper in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. It speaks very highly of the Gold Cure Co., and the people of Dwight generally.

The new agent, Mr. H. N. Cool, has taken charge of the Alton business here. He is an experienced man and we predict that he will be popular with our business men. We take pleasure in welcoming him to Dwight.

The new office building of the Leslie E. Keeley company will be an elegant and roomy structure, 66x120 feet, and two stories high. It will be built of brick, and work will be commenced on it as soon as practicable.

John Brower had the misfortune to lose one of his horses Monday. He was hauling lumber with the team and as it was a hot sultry day, he thinks the horse must have become over-heated. The horse dropped down and died almost instantly.

There were thirty-eight votes cast at the school election Saturday, and Dr. Palm was elected president for one year. John Pettitt and John Geis were elected for three years, and John R. Oughton for two years to fill vacancy. The Johns have it.

We understand there is a prospect of the "Hummer" dining car also stopping in Dwight instead of Pontiac. If this report should prove true our people will have the advantage of an early and later train and business men will have over two hours more time in the city.

The lawn tennis club is thoroughly organized with Sam Houston as president, and Dan Chariton secretary and treasurer. They have secured the vacant lot between Dr. Palm's and Buck's for play grounds, and a committee has been appointed to lease the ground etc. The club has about sixteen members.

That part of the old Spencer farm on Franklin street south of the 3-I and west from Franklin, which is owned by John McWilliams, will be thoroughly drained and tiled as soon as the roads become passable. Trees have already been set out and the tract will be laid out in blocks and placed on the market as soon as practicable. With Franklin street paved to the 3-I the property will be very valuable.

Assessor Kelagher informs us that he will receive his books from the county clerk Monday, and that everyone owning a dog had better get rid of it, or be prepared to pay a dollar. We understand Jim got chased by a dog last summer and since then he has made up his mind not to let a guilty dog escape.

Our readers should notice that a large number of our home advertisements are printed on pages four and five of the STAR AND HERALD. This is made necessary on account of increased patronage, and good results for our patrons. Our advertisers are all honorable, straight forward business men, and we take pleasure in recommending them.

Lightning struck the residence of John Leach Tuesday. The elements ran down the chimney, stovepipe and stove and tore and burnt the oilcloth and carpet. It then took a run out doors and tore off a few weather boards. Mrs. Leach received a shock in her arm, although not serious. It was a very close call—too close for comfort.

Committees from the G. A. R. and S. of V. have been appointed to make arrangements for Memorial Day as follows: Post—J. C. Lewis, John Briffham, S. T. Lockhart, Joe Baker, Camp—W. G. Dustin, Al. Pfefferman, Myron Tambling. The decorating will be done Saturday, the 30th of May and the services held Sunday in one of the churches or in the park.

The nominees of the judicial convention at Chatsworth Thursday are Thos. F. Tipton, of McLean county; Alfred Sample, of Ford; C. R. Starr, of Kankakee. The two former were nominated by acclamation. The first vote for third place resulted in a tie between Starr and Geo. Patton, of Pontiac. The second ballot resulted in Starr's nomination by two majority.

Last year on the 4th of July all Dwight lacked was tombstones to make a grave yard of it. There were celebrations all around us and it was thought best not to have any here, but postpone it until this year and have a big one and invite everyone to participate. There is undoubtedly plenty of time to make all the arrangement necessary, but it is well to keep the matter before the people. There is never anything to be lost by subscribing liberally toward a celebration as it always brings a large crowd of people to town and a crowd that have their purse strings open for the time being. Let us have a celebration this year that will be a credit to our growing, bustling little city.

Mr. C. J. Judd retires from the office of President of the Board of Trustees of Dwight, with the kindest wishes of all. His popularity was demonstrated in the caucus when, despite his personal wishes, most everybody present voted for him. He has served the village faithfully for over ten years, and might have served it ten more if he wished. He is popular with all classes, is a thorough business man, and his influence and assistance will be greatly missed in the conduct of affairs in Dwight. The private business of the Leslie E. Keeley Co., of which he is the secretary, has reached such enormous proportion that it was impossible for him to spare the time necessary to do justice to the public office which he had held so long, and which the people wished to continue him in.

Club Banquet.

The Bi-Chloride of Gold Club, composed of a number of Dr. Keeley's patients, was formed early in April of this year. The object of the club is to form diversion for the members, and also to keep and strengthen the new members as fast as they are admitted. This aid, however, given by the older patients is not confined to members of the club, but is freely extended to non-members.

The first annual banquet of this club was held on Monday last in the dining car "Oriental," at 5:30 p. m. About forty gentlemen occupied the car and addressed themselves with considerable damage to the following menu:

Mook Turtle.
Baked Trout, Parsley Sauce, Duchess Potatoes
Sliced Tomatoes, Lettuce.
Radishes.
Roast Spring Lamb, Pumpkin Pie.
Filet of Beef, with Mushrooms, New Peas,
Mashed Potatoes, Corn.
Chicken Patties, Cream Sauce.
Potato Salad, Olives, Shrimp Salad,
Apple Pie, Fruit Pudding, Pumpkin Pie.
Vanilla Ice Cream, Assorted Cakes.
Oranges, Bananas, Nuts, Raisins.
Edam Cheese, French Coffee.

After the dinner toasts were responded to in an appropriate manner, after which short speeches were made that were eloquent and also pathetic. The banquet will never be forgotten by any who attended, and certainly no such a body of men, more brainy and distinguished, or from so many different parts of the country could be found in a town the size of Dwight, made famous all the world over by Dr. Leslie E. Keeley.

The credit of the organization of the club and the success of the banquet is largely due to the efforts of the president Major Moore, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Richardson, of Chicago. These gentlemen have the thanks of the members of the club.

Corporation Elections.

The election passed off very quietly in Dwight. The tickets, all one sided, lay upon the table in front of the ballot box, no ticket peddlers being present, and no particular interest seemed to be manifested. This was decidedly a different order of things than years before. For the past twenty years or more some of the hardest work possible has been done at the polls by both parties to gain supremacy. For the past eleven years the no-license people have been successful, and it seems that their lease of power in Dwight will have no end. The license party seems to have merged into the no-license, and hereafter all will work for the common good of our village. There is plenty of work to be done and a large majority of our citizens wish it done as soon as possible.

At the election there were 100 votes cast, John Thompson being elected president, W. H. Taylor, D. B. Steyens and John Leach trustees, and Andrew Doherty clerk. There were a few scattering votes and several scratched ballots. Not one of the candidates received all the votes, but the scratching was done principally to cast a vote as a joke. Odell went no license by 30 majority. Lacon went no license. Paxton went no license. Forrest went no license by 20 majority. The president of the board is license, but the trustees are no license.

Gilman went no license.
Gardner went license.
Sheldon went no license.
Chenoa went license.
Fairbury went license.
Pontiac went license by 1 majority in one ward, which it is said will be contested. If the no-license men should win in the contest, Pontiac would go dry for a year—except, of course, the raging Vermillion.
Wenona went license.
Streator went license (this is no joke).
Boys was elected mayor. The boys have it.
Sibley went no license.
Gibson went no license.
Sauemin went license.
Emington went no license.
Campus went no license.
Bement went no license.
Strawn went license.
Chatsworth went license.

Death of Elvin D. Wilson.

A telegram was received by one of our citizens Wednesday at 5 o'clock p. m., announcing the death of Elvin D. Wilson, son of Rev. E. S. Wilson, now pastor of the M. E. Church, Canton, Ill., consumption of some time duration being the cause. He was born at Knoxville, Taylor county West Virginia, Feb. 19th 1863, and therefore had passed his twenty eighth birthday. The father having been pastor of the Methodist church of this place for three years, the son, or Pige, as he was familiarly called, became well known by all our people.

He was a young man of excellent character and was very highly respected. He was enterprising and ambitious, temperate, industrious, kind, sociable, and of good address. He was for some time with Messrs. Miller Bros. and was by them greatly esteemed for his business qualifications and undoubted trustworthiness. Later he held a position in Heenan & Co's great business house, in Streator, Ill., which he was compelled to resign on account of poor health.

In hopes of escaping the dread results of the disease to which he feared he had become a victim, he visited California, remaining there several months, and finally returning home to die. He met man's common foe with great courage and fortitude. It is, under all the circumstances, a very sad case, and his many friends in this locality will be greatly pained to hear that a life so full of promise has been so early closed.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilson and the three surviving daughters, have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

The funeral and burial took place at Fairbury Friday forenoon. Messrs. David and John P. McWilliams, of this place were in attendance.

Enzner-Tock.

Miss Kunigunda Enzner and Mr. Carl Tock were married last Sunday afternoon, at the German Lutheran Church, Rev. Frederick performing the ceremony. Misses Maggie and Eve Enzner, did the honors for the bride, and Mr. John Weicker, of Chicago, and Mr. Chas. Myer, of Streator, were best men for the groom. The church was completely filled with friends of the contracting couple to witness the ceremony.

Mrs. Tock has lived in Dwight for about three years and has made many friends since her residence here. Mr. Tock is one of our enterprising business men and well liked in this community.

After the impressive ceremony the happy couple, accompanied by many of their friends, repaired to their residence and enjoyed an excellent repast. The company remained quite late and all report a most pleasant time.

The STAR AND HERALD is always equipped to furnish all kinds of horse bills, cards, etc., on short notice and at reasonable prices. Investigate.

OVERHEARD.

Superintendent Chas. Baker recently had a lot of tools and a suit of clothes down in some town in Indiana and wrote for them to be sent to him. The tools were expressed to Dwight and the clothes sent by freight to Chicago. The former cost Charlie \$3.75 express. He thinks the man that sent them is a twin brother of the one that carried the feather bed down stairs and threw the looking glass out of the window, at a fire.

"Speaking of Charlie Baker," said a bystander "reminds me that he is a practical joker. Do you remember when Charlie let the flies loose in J. C. Lewis' store? J. C., as every body knows, is very particular, especially about flies being in his place of business. Well, one day he had worked three or four hours and got every fly out of the place, brushed up his silk hat, and went to dinner, with a satisfied air. Charlie had been watching J. C., and when he went away, got one of these wire fly traps that was completely filled with winged insects, and let them all out in J. C.'s store. The place just swarmed with flies. J. C. came back from dinner and walked into his store and was the most surprised and maddest man in Illinois. He searched all over the store for a hole, and it was not for some time that he found out the practical joke that had been played on him."

"Squire McEllduff was also a victim of Charlie's joviality several years ago. It was a very hot day and Souire used every endeavor to cool off his office and make it pleasant. He went home to dinner one day and Charlie went in and built a hot fire and shut every window and door about the place and went away. The 'Squire came back to persue his Blackstone vocation and opened the door and walked in. Well they do say the 'Squire was about the 'hottest' man in seven states for a few minutes, but Charley was cool and innocent, as usual."

"And they do say," said the bystander "that Charley has not outgrown his tricks yet. Only a few days ago one of our respected citizens was coming out from Chicago, and fell asleep on the accommodation. When near Dwight he woke up and caught sight of a tag nicely tied to the button hole of his coat, on which were the following words: 'I'm drunk! Put me off at Dwight!' About all that is necessary to say is that Charley was on the train but he was not to be seen when the man woke up."

We heard a man say the other day: "Why don't the editors walk around town and see what is needed in the shape of improvements?" Although the editor is willing to do anything for the advancement of the town and for much needed improvements, it is not necessary to walk around any more than one has to, every day, to see what is needed. It stares one in the face at almost every corner. Good streets, drainage, water works, etc., are needed badly, and next week the STAR AND HERALD will endeavor to show its readers how these improvements can be brought about at very little cost, proportionately.

The Board.

The new village board of trustees who will have charge of the affairs of the town for the next year are as follows: John Thompson, president; J. B. Bell, Samuel Lower, Jesse Dieffenbaugh, Wm. H. Taylor, D. B. Stevens, John Leach, trustees; A. T. Doherty, clerk.

John Thompson has been a resident of Dwight for many years and is a man of good progressive ideas and excellent judgment. His business is such that he will be on the streets and see what is going on. The people expect considerable of the new president and we trust they will not be disappointed.

J. B. Bell, is the efficient baggage man at the C. & A. depot; Samuel Lower, is a retired blacksmith; Jesse Dieffenbaugh, and Wm. H. Taylor are grain dealers; D. B. Stevens is proprietor of the west side meat market; John Leach is the senior member of the firm of Leach & Reeb; A. T. Doherty is the popular assistant cashier of the Bank of Dwight. They are all practical business men and perfectly competent to cope with the responsibilities of the board.

These men have only to look about them to see that private improvements are far ahead of town improvements, and on this basis their line of duty to their constituents should be laid out. The gentlemen on the board seem to be willing to go ahead and do something, but want to know where the money is to come from. The village has been carrying a surplus for several years that is sufficient for a start, and if the work of the board is practical, more money will follow from year to year.

If the present board show a disposition to give the town good serviceable improvements, and use their influence with the people to that end, the money will come. If they agree on a certain policy and all pull in the same direction and together, and are consistent and conservative, the people will back them up. Let them try it.