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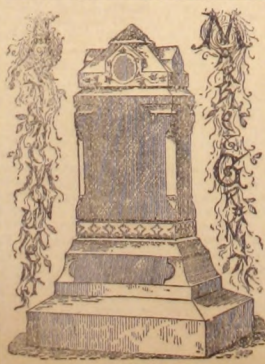
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LOCAL EVENTS.

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 officers' and secretary's names, we will publish them each week.

Two of the pastors and several secretaries have handed in notices this week, and we commence the publication of the directory on the fourth page of this issue. Others will be added as soon as handed in.

The \$1.50 rate on the Alton for Sunday is very "catchy."

Notice the change in the 3-1 time table. All trains carry passengers to regular stopping points.

W. L. Bigden, of Streator, broke 95 out of 100 glass balls, at Ottawa, recently. He scored 82 without missing a shot.

Freeman Spencer has purchased the Gore property on Seminoe street of Mrs. Miller for \$675. H. T. McLane made the sale.

Considerable reading matter of local interest will be found on the fourth and fifth pages of the STAR and HERALD here after.

The Presbytery, of Bloomington have advertised the Presbyterian Church property for sale in this issue of the STAR and HERALD.

The new office of the Leslie E. Keeley Company will be an elegant structure and cost from thirty five to forty thousand dollars.

The Leslie E. Keeley Co. have purchased the Zimmer property on Mazon avenue, now occupied by the STAR and HERALD office.

The May term of circuit court will convene at Pontiac next Tuesday. The bar docket contains 88 people's cases, 76 common law and 63 chancery cases.

Tuesday evening, May 5th, will occur the next regular meeting of the Epworth League. A good program has been prepared. All are cordially invited.

The Green property on Chippawa street now occupied by Engineer Jones, was purchased by H. F. Boyer Tuesday, for \$1,150, through Hetzel & Romberger.

By the number and length of the freight trains that pass through Dwight on the Alton road one would think that the boycott was a good thing to have.

The Board of Education met Monday night and transacted routine business. Prof. Fisk was unanimously elected clerk of the Board. It is an excellent choice.

The Leslie E. Keeley company purchased the John Koehler lots next to Kern's store Tuesday for two thousand dollars. Verily, there is a healthy boom.

It is worthy of note that the next morning after the street and alley committee was appointed the street scraper was doing duty. Let the good work continue to continue.

A gentleman of means was in the STAR and HERALD office recently, inquiring about building associations. We gave all the information we had in stock and he said he had two thousand dollars laying idle that he would put into a home association here. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

The fact that the streets are drying up should not deter the street and alley committee from fixing them up. They should not be like the Arkansas traveler and his cabin with no roof on. He couldn't put one on when it rained, and said he didn't need one when it didn't rain.

Mr. Frank Jackson, the Livingston hotel contractor, of Joliet, is one of the principal bidders on the new opera house to be erected at Joliet, at a cost of over two hundred thousand dollars. He will also bid on the Leslie E. Keeley Co.'s new office building as soon as the plans are submitted.

Great preparations are being made by the younger members of many Catholic families for receiving their first communion, and confirmation services, which will take place here in the church before long. Bishop Spaulding, of Peoria is expected here to conduct the impressive ceremonies, with the assistance of Father Moore and other pastors.

The C. & A. have issued a time table for Dwight. On the map "Dwight" appears in large red letters and is the most prominent feature. It was issued principally to furnish information as to the shortest and best route for the patients of the Leslie E. Keeley Co. to take. It gives the time from Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and prominent intervening points, to Dwight.

Senator Chas. Bogardus, of this district met with quite a severe accident near his home in Paxton last week. He broke two ribs, but is getting along as well as could be expected.

J. A. Spencer returned from an extended business trip east, Saturday night. His hay press is in good demand. All the bad luck we wish him is, that he may soon run a train through the country similar to the one that passed through here, loaded with DWIGHT hay presses.

Next week Thursday is the anniversary of the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Dwight, and will be celebrated accordingly by the young ladies. This important meeting will be held at the residence of Miss Della Pearre, and a fine program is being arranged for the occasion. Revs. France and Merrill, honorary members, will respond to toasts, and a grand time is expected.

There are about 500 town lot tax payers in Dwight. If they all held the same amount of property a special tax of \$5 each a year for eight years would improve the streets, build the water works, secure drainage and purchase the electric light plant and an engine capable of running water works, and provide all the lights wanted. We are very sorry to say that we are not possessed of an over surplus of town lots, but we have a pretty good printing office, and our five dollars a year is ready at any time when the band wagon comes along.

There are very few men receiving so much attention from the press of the country at present as our highly esteemed townsman, Dr. Leslie E. Keeley. The grand success of his dipsomania treatment has given him a world wide reputation, and has made him thousands of friends in all parts of the country who are anxious to herald his name and his successes the length and breadth of the land. The doctor's patients seem to be the most thankful people on earth. Last Sunday a three column article appeared in the Chicago Herald, including a portrait of the Doctor, and of the office with the "Patients waiting for their noon shot," from the pen of Charles Eugene Banks, of Wheatland, Iowa. The papers were in great demand in Dwight and a hundred more could have been disposed of. It is the opinion of most people that no discovery yet made in materia-medica equals that of the Double Chloride of Gold, as administered by Dr. Keeley, for the cure of whiskey, opium and kindred diseases.

Death of Edward Kemeys Henry. Edward Kemeys Henry was buried on Tuesday, the 28th ultimo, from the Methodist Church in this village. His sudden death was a great shock to this community in which he had lived so many years and had endeared himself to a large circle of friends and acquaintances. For the last two years of his life he has filled the position as auditor of the Illinois Steel Works, at Chicago. This was a position of great trust and responsibility, and required a peculiar talent to successfully administer the varied duties in connection with his office.

It goes without saying that Mr. Henry performed to the entire satisfaction of the company in whose employ he was at the time of his death. For the last year he was in very poor health, but at no time, however, did he think his troubles were of a serious nature. He was taken a week before his death, with a complication of difficulties, super-induced by confinement, and as the result of a severe attack of pneumonia the year previous. He was sick only a few days. Everything was done that kind friends and money could do, to arrest the ravages of his disease, but all efforts failed, and he died on Friday last, the 24th of April, 1891.

A very large delegation of his friends in Chicago, chiefly from those who held offices in the Illinois Steel Co., followed his remains to the grave. He has left an excellent record behind him; one of industry and fidelity, and he will be mourned deeply and sincerely by every one who had the privilege of enjoying his confidence and friendship.

The remains arrived on the noon train Tuesday, and were taken directly to the M. E. Church, where many of the deceased's friends had gathered to mourn the loss of their friend. Rev. O. W. Pollard preached a very eloquent and feeling sermon. The floral tributes were very fine. After the exercises at the church the remains were conveyed to Oak Lawn cemetery and laid away in the beautiful lot of S. T. K. Prime.

Odd Fellows' Anniversary. The seventy-second anniversary of Odd Fellowship was duly celebrated by Dwight Lodge, No. 513, Thursday evening at their hall. A large number of Odd Fellows, their families and a few friends, assembled about 7:30, and the exercises were opened by Noble Grand Geo. W. Taylor about 8 o'clock, and Rev. Merrell asked the blessing of God on the order and those present. Mr. Taylor then introduced the orator of the occasion, Brother Geo. W. Patton, of Pontiac.

Mr. Patton delivered an address of about an hour's duration, and it was one

of the best we have ever had the pleasure of listening. He explained the general workings of the order, reviewed its success for the past year, saying that about 26,000 members had been added to the order in that time. He laid great stress on the fact that the order educated the heart as well as the mind, and that any order or country, no matter what height they might attain intellectually, would eventually prove a failure if the instincts of good fellowship and liberality in the heart were not aroused and maintained. He cited the great cities of Babylon and Rome as practical illustrations of the same.

His speech was listened to with wrapt attention from beginning to end, and all were well pleased with it.

After the oration the crowd enjoyed a social treat for a few minutes, when the members of the lodge began to assume the character of the good Samaritan, and distribute ice cream, cake, oranges, bananas, candy, etc., by the wholesale. Messrs. Lockhart, Leach, Fox, and Stewart, and all the committees in charge 'piled' the good things into the laps of their guests until they did not know what to do with them. The guests departed for their homes about 11 o'clock, having enjoyed a very pleasant evening, and all vowing that if there was anything Odd about those Fellows, it was the kind of Oddities that one appreciates.

The Old and the New.

The old board of trustees of the village of Dwight met Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, President Judd in the chair, and transacted the last business of their official year. A few bills were allowed and the official minutes written up, read and approved, and the board adjourned sine die.

On retiring from the chair, Major Judd took occasion to bid the old board an official good-bye, and thanked them very kindly for their prompt attendance and courteous treatment of him. In substance his remarks were about as follows: He commenced his duties for the town ten years ago, in 1881, and held the positions of trustee and president at different times, and his official connection with the members that had come and gone had been pleasant in the extreme. The board has had many disagreeable things to contend with, and although impossible to please everyone, they had labored for what, in their judgment, was for the best interest of the public generally. It had always been their desire to accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number. In years past property had been very low and at times it was almost a question, whether it was worth while to set a price on it, and during that time, people have naturally discouraged improvements. To-day, he thought, there was a good, healthy advance in prices, and when people saw their property advancing they were more willing to stand increased taxes for improvements. Everybody would be gainers. The town would gain a good name and the public be benefited. He advised the board to work in harmony and for the best interest of the public. Again thanking the board for kind treatment and efficient work, and introducing his successor, President Thompson, Major Judd retired from his official position and became an interested spectator.

Trustee Diffebaugh in behalf of the board, returned thanks to President Judd and said they deplored his retirement, and hoped their loss would be his gain.

President Thompson in taking his seat, said he was very much impressed and pleased with the remarks of Major Judd.

Attorney Romberger had, in the meantime, sworn in the new president, Clerk Doherty and Trustees Taylor, Stevens and Leach, who now took their official chairs and proceeded to business. It was nothing new to Stevens and Leach, as they had been members before, and we didn't notice that Taylor trembled any, but stood up to the rack and swore to support the constitution, etc. like an old veteran. Ex-trustees Martin and Knudson joined Major Judd as spectators. Mr. Lakin the other retiring trustee had left to reside in Sandwich, Ill., and was not present.

After the new board was called to order, Clerk Doherty read the following committees appointed for the years 1891-2:

Judiciary—Thompson, Diffebaugh, Leach.

Finance—Diffebaugh, Taylor, Bell. Ordinances—Bell, Lower, Thompson. Street and alley—Stevens, Taylor, Lower.

Fire—Leach, Bell, Stevens.

The bond of Clerk Doherty, with D. McWilliams as surety, was read and approved.

Application of Thos. Jenkins for marshal was read and the matter of appointment laid on the table until the next regular meeting.

Application of L. A. Naffziger for treasurer, was read and that gentleman unanimsously elected.

The application of Phillip Weicker for permission to erect an addition to his house, was referred to the fire committee with power to act.

The hour of meeting hereafter will be at 8 p. m. Thus endeth the first lesson.

THE BOOM BOOMETH.

The Assessed Valuation of Town Lots in the Village of Dwight, about one-sixth of the Real Value at Present.

One-twentieth Part of the Increase of in the Price of Town Property will Give us Waterworks, Sewerage, Good Streets and Purchase the Electric Light Plant.

A look through Assessor Kelagher's book, reveals some facts that are very interesting to our readers. The total assessed value of the town lots is \$91,173. Instead of being one-third of the actual value, the amount is less than one-sixth at the least calculation. We cite some instances in the business part of town, which will prove the above and more too.

An improved lot on East street, 24 feet front, is assessed at \$400. The owner has refused \$3,000, and asks \$4,500. Another piece of property is assessed at \$450. The price set on it is \$5,500.

Two lots on West street, sold this week for \$2,000 cash—were assessed last year at \$175.

Another piece of property assessed at \$900, is valued at over five thousand.

Three lots over a block away from the business portion, were assessed at less than \$300. One thousand dollars has been refused for them, and so on all over the town.

One year ago the above assessments were considered about a third of the real value. Thus it is seen that the value of property has in many instances increased more than double.

The taxes have been very reasonable and this year they will be decreased. The improvements made, principally by the Leslie E. Keeley company, will decrease the tax on other property at the rate of about one-eighth. That is if a person paid twenty four dollars last year, his tax will only be about twenty-one this year.

With this statement of facts staring the people in the face, isn't it about time something was being done toward improvements. There is no town in the state of Illinois to-day that can better afford improvements than Dwight.

If the assessed valuation for last year was one-third the real value of property, that would make the total of a little less than two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. To-day, if the price asked for property is any criterion to go by, the real value is about *seven hundred thousand dollars*. With an increase in the value of property of about four hundred thousand in one year it does seem as if the town might stand, at least, one-twentieth part of the INCREASE for public improvements. One-twentieth part of the INCREASE would be about twenty thousand dollars.

We understand the town of Washington voted eighteen thousand dollar bonds about two years ago, and invested the money in the purchase of an electric light plant, water works, a sewerage system and street improvements, all at a total cost of about eighteen thousand dollars. One engine pumps the water for a water tower and runs the electric plant. The tower is large enough to force water through mains all over the town, and also to furnish water to all those who wish it, also affording ample fire protection and has reduced the insurance rates in all parts of the town. We understand the receipts from the water works and other sources are over four hundred dollars more than the running expenses each year. By paying a thousand dollars and the interest each year, it only requires a little more to meet their indebtedness than the town of Dwight is paying each year for electric light for street purposes alone.

The corporation tax last year was about \$6,000. It would only be necessary to assess the town property at a third of its present real value to more than pay for the improvements in one year, and more too, not taking into consideration the receipts from the water works.

When we take into consideration the fact that this large increase in price of property has all been brought about by private enterprise, and through no exertion of the town authorities or the property holders themselves, it seems the unqualified duty of the town to do something itself, and do it quickly.

We do not pretend to be authority on this subject, but it is the way it looks to us, and we believe a large majority of the people believe the same. The columns of the STAR and HERALD are always open to anyone who wishes to air their views on this subject, no matter what their views may be.

The boom in Dwight is healthy, strong and we believe, permanent.