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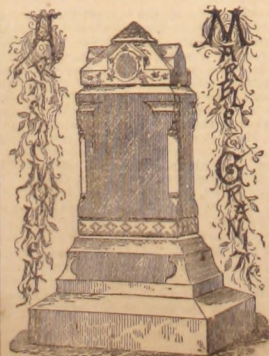
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## LOCAL EVENTS.

Electric light facilities were added to the conveniences of the opera house this week.

Great preparations are being made to observe Decoration Day in Pontiac. Judge Wallace is president of the day.

The Knights Templars of the northern district of Illinois will hold a convocate at Riverside Park, Kankakee, July 21-24. This includes Livingston county.

Read the Equitable Building Association advertisement in another column. It gives an excellent chance for every rent payer to get a home on easy payments.

Mrs. Robert Mays, who has been quite sick for some time, was taken to Waukesha, Wis., last Saturday, by Dr. Oakshott, for her health. We are glad to state that she is some better.

It is currently reported that the Democrats of this district will run Hon. Robt. McElhoff, of Pontiac, Mr. Morris, of Iriquois, and Mr. Lillard, of McLean, for judges of the eleventh judicial district.

Now what we need is a street sprinkler. This can be brought about by each business firm in the town subscribing a small amount. There is already a tank on wheels in town, and it would not cost much to attach a sprinkling apparatus.

The cantata of "Queen Esther," which has been participated in by a large number of our singers for several days past, will be presented to the public at the M. E. Church, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week. See programs for full particulars.

Miss Stella M. Callen was appointed by Judge Pillsbury, master of chancery of Livingston county. She is the first lady in Illinois to hold such an office. She was formerly of Bloomington and has been official court stenographer in the circuit court.

Postmaster Ben Robinson, of Fairbury, and Capt. Hoover, of Pontiac, were in town Monday, in the interests of the Republican ticket, of the eleventh judicial circuit. Mr. Robinson is chairman of the central committee and is using every effort to get the Republican voters out.

Engineer Jones and No. 58 are again on duty at the same old stand. Mr. Jones has the honor of running the engine that pulled the funeral train of Abraham Lincoln over the Alton road to Springfield. Probably there is very little left of the original engine, but No. 58 is there all right.

Mr. Schumm sold Thursday, thirteen feet on East street, where his butcher shop now stands for \$2,100, a little over \$161 a foot. The property was purchased by Mrs. Roeder, mother of Will Roeder, the barber, and will be occupied by the latter. Verily the boom boometh boomingly.

We are informed that good water for a water works system in Dwight can be obtained at a cost of about \$1,500. Water can be obtained here in larger quantities and better water than most any place in the state, and in many places a steady flow can be secured. We must have water works.

E. C. Scott, a printer formerly employed in the offices in Dwight, who resided in Bloomington, attempted to commit suicide, Sunday at Decatur. He took laudanum, but his act was discovered in time to save his life. We learn these facts from the Chicago Daily News, of Monday.

Robt. Orr, the newly appointed marshal, is a young man, and well-known to everyone in this community. He is a man of good judgment, and we predict that he will be a conservative officer. We have heard it remarked that he is too small for a policeman. To all those who have any such idea, we wish to give a little advice: "Don't monkey with the buzz-saw."

The town council appropriated \$1,200 for street purposes, and President Thompson says the village is entitled to its share of \$400 received by the township for road bridge purposes from the sale of railroad bonds. With that the street and alley committee have a chance to do considerable. They are doing business at present, and the people want to see the good work go on.

Rev. D. F. Carnahan addressed the Methodist Congregational prayer-meeting this week. He represented the Am. Educational Aid association, which is a western society that takes western children who are homeless and places them in families. Some have been taken from this place and some have been placed here. About 1,700 have been placed in eight years—412 of them last year. Persons wishing to take or to surrender children can consult the local board: O. W. Pollard, Mrs. R. C. Adams and L. A. Naffziger, treasurer. Children are sent without expense for three months on trial, and they are taken away if not satisfactory.

We understand the Alton depot will be improved considerably in the near future, and almost made new. Part of the baggage room will be added to the gentlemen's waiting room, and the office will take in the present ladies waiting room. A new addition will be added to the north end. The whole building will be remodeled and renovated, and be nearly as good as new.

James Austin retired from four years continuous service as marshal of the village of Dwight on Tuesday night after the council meeting, with the best wishes of the community. Mr. Austin has made a good consistent officer, always looking on the best side of everything. Being naturally a good hearted man, he has been easy with wrong-doers, provided no serious offense was given, yet firm when the case required. We wish you success.

Representative Myer, of Livingston, was one of a committee of the state legislature, to visit "Heaven" Ill. near Rockford, the realm of one Jakey Schweinefurth, and inquire into the doings of this bogus Jesus. The house propose to pass a law, if possible, knocking Jakey and his angels into common, every day frauds. We suppose that after N. J. is visit to heaven and his intercourse with the Lord, that he will be so sanctimonious that a constituent can not interview him.

We find it pretty hard to find out anything about the game of base ball at Wilmington last Friday. We learn from one man, who is a little sore, of course, that the ground resembled the seven hills that ancient Rome was built on, and that every time a man missed stopping a ball he had to go in swimming after it, and everybody would run home. The game was played on an island. The Dwight nine "ran home" all right, but didn't bring enough scores with them. "Just wait," said another, "the Wilmington winners will be down here next week; we'll show the people some ball playing." The boys are all right, and if they practice and pull together, they can beat anything in this part of the state.

## The Dwight Equitable Building and Loan Association Organized.

A meeting of interested citizens was called last Friday night for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Equitable Loan and Investment Association, of Bloomington. The meeting was called to order by the election of Dr. J. C. Oakshott as temporary president. After the workings of the association were explained by General Agent Chester, to the entire satisfaction of all present, the nomination of permanent officers was called for. Dr. J. C. Oakshott was elected president; E. T. Miller, secretary and treasurer; D. B. Bartholic, A. R. Zimmerman, Dr. J. Payne, H. T. McLane, Geo. Baker, directors; H. T. McLane, George Baker, Dr. Payne, G. L. Mahu, appraisers. After the election of officers W. G. Dustin, of the STAR AND HERALD office, was appointed resident agent of the association.

The association at Bloomington is officered by business men of excellent reputation, and is in a flourishing condition. The local organization is officered by good conservative men, and bids fair to accomplish much good in this community both for investors and borrowers.

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Robt. Orr Elected Marshal.  
The Dwight Senators commended with themselves and the public Tuesday night, everybody being present. Quite a number of citizens were present and it is encouraging to see that the public are taking some interest in the work of the town legislators. The Flaglers were there, even to the third generation, in the interests of a new railroad and they got what they wanted. Candidates for marshal were present, but they couldn't all get what they wanted.

Bills were allowed as follows: Thomas Harford, for street work, \$15.50; Mr. Collins, street work, \$13.50; H. E. Siegert, for light for April, \$60.00; W. H. Lester, for scraping, \$17.50; stationery house, for new record book, \$8.75; J. A. Austin, marshal, \$35.00.

Petition of Geo. Z. Flagler, for railroad spur to run from railroad crossing at depot to lumber yard, between their office and Buck's hardware store, the petitioner to keep everything in good repair, was referred to the street and alley committee with power to act. They proceeded to act and the spur will be built.

Applications for marshal were read from Robt. Orr, L. Collins and Thos. Jenkins. The first vote resulted in the election of Orr. His bond for \$500, with Geo. Flagler and A. J. Orr as sureties, was presented and approved. The question of printing ordinances was referred to the judiciary committee with power to act. The spectators wondered what was the matter with the ordinance committee. Adjourned.

## "LIVINGSTON."

A Handsome Structure, the Pride of Dwight and an Honor to Livingston County.

The grand transformation scene which has taken place on West street in our beautiful little city during the past year, is indeed wonderful, and the continuance of the scene is an assured fact.

In November 1890, the work of moving the old wooden buildings commenced, and about Oct. 10 ground was broke for the cellar and foundation of the beautiful structure mentioned, and ever since then the click of the artisans' trowel and hammer have been heard early and late when the weather would permit. The busy scenes will continue for how long a time, no one knows, but one thing is assured, that the town has been given such a boom as its quiet citizens ever dreamed of, even one year ago.

The wonderful discovery of the curative qualities of the Double Chloride of Gold, made by Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, his practical and successful treatment, and the public-spiritedness of the gentlemen composing the Leslie E. Keeley company, is due the greater amount of the improvement during the past season. Just as soon as they were assured that their business would permit, the contract for the Livingston was let to Contractor Frank Jackson, of Joliet, and work commenced immediately.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Jackson, the reporter of the STAR AND HERALD was shown through the structure one day this week from top to bottom, and we will endeavor to give our readers an idea of the magnificence of the building. Nothing but the best material has been used in the construction. The foundation is of the best Joliet stone, and the walls of the best Indiana hydraulic pressed brick.

The main building fronting on West street, is 36x50, three stories and basement, with piazza twelve feet wide extending the full length. Stone steps lead to the piazza and the latter is surrounded on the outside by a neat railing about two feet and a half high. The roof of the piazza is twelve feet high and extends well out. The heavy oak and plate glass doors at the front entrance are swung open, and you enter the handsome vestibule, from which are two doors, the one to the right leading into the office and waiting room, the one to the left into the reading and writing room. From the office and writing rooms extend halls north and south, the former leading to the check room, one bed room, the ladies parlor, hall leading to the new addition, water closet, and the hall south, to the staircase, dining and other rooms.

The whole second and third stories are devoted to bed rooms with the exception of bath rooms and closets, a long hall running the full length of the building north and south. From the dining room you enter the culinary department which is 24x30, two stories and basement. In the latter is located the laundry which is supplied with slate tubs, hot and cold water, and storage rooms. This can also be reached from the outside. On the first floor off the dining room, is the serving room, kitchen, supply rooms, etc. The second floor, is the chambers for the help, closets, etc. This part of the hotel is nicely finished and each room supplied with radiators, hot and cold water and electric lights. It has no connection with the main building except from the dining room.

The ceilings on the first floor of the main building are eleven feet six inches, and the finish is exceedingly fine. The ceilings and the walls about half way down are frescoed beautifully in many attractive colors, and the dado work from there down to the mouldings represents all the exquisite designs of polished marble. The many shades blend harmoniously, and especially when the electric light is turned on, gives the room an elegant appearance. The wood finishes all antique oak finished in natural color. The building is supplied with cold air registers. The dining room is very handsomely calomined and frescoed in water colors, and has twelve fancy electric light globes on the ceiling. In the office and ladies parlor are beautiful antique oak mantels. Large arched windows on the first floor supply abundance of light in the day, and eight handsome electric light globes, supplied with four lights each and many small globes, are distributed in the different rooms on the lower floor, which will give brilliancy by night.

The second and third stories are also finely finished and provided with every thing needed. The ladies' bath rooms and closets are on the second floor. At each end of the halls and in the halls leading to the new addition are linen closets and all rooms are lit by electricity.

The staircase and landings are also furnished in natural oak and are wide and easily ascended. At the first landing the artist has shown his ability by painting a ship in a heavy sea, which attracts a great attention. All the rooms in the building are designated by nickel-plated letters, and are also supplied with annunciators, the bell board being situated near where the desks will be in the office and handy to call.

The bath rooms on the different floors and the rooms are supplied with hot and cold water and every convenience. The windows in the second and third floor are 28x36 of double thick glass.

Three electric switches are near the office desk. The first turns on four lights in the dining hall, the second eight, the third the whole building. The hot water for the entire house is furnished from a 60-gallon galvanized boiler, connected with the range in the kitchen.

The basement under the main building is divided into five rooms. The room for the tensorial parlor occupies the southeast corner and is 20x22 with entrances from the south and inside, and will make a splendid shop, being supplied with marble saw bows and hot and cold water. Off from this are two large bath rooms, and further north is a large store room and engine room. The engine room contains a Star water tube boiler, put in by the Hoffman Steam Heating company, of Chicago, who have put in all the heating apparatus. The boiler is supplied with water from the tank in the tower. Every room in the house is supplied with radiators consistent with their requirements for heat.

The new addition is 36x70 feet, three stories, and will contain thirty sleeping rooms, while the main part has twenty-nine. The addition will be finished in four or five weeks, and the main building will be turned over to Landlord Trunnell the latter part of the week, or Monday next at the farthest.

An electric light will be placed in front of the main entrance, and the whole building will be illuminated by over 150 electric lights.

Landlord L. J. Trunnell has, indeed, an elegant hotel to manage, but he is equal to the emergency, and will furnish it completely in a manner appropriate to the other appointments. When the house is ready for occupancy we shall have more to say regarding the furniture and management.

## Why Will Ye Wait?

Below will be found figures that won't lie, even if liars do figure. The little city of Hoopston, Ill., about three years ago issued bonds on which to raise money for waterworks purposes. The lots were purchased, a deep well sunk and the system put in at an expense of \$17,000. The bonds were to run twenty years and bear annual interest at five per cent. We take the following clipping from the report of the fire and water committee of the Hoopston city council at the end of two years operation of the works:

The number of water takers is now 256. The average receipts from each water taker is \$8.85. The annual receipts from this source is now \$2,265.00. The expenses of the water system are as follows:  
Interest on \$12,950, bonded debt, at 5 per cent interest, \$647 50  
Interest on \$1,811, floating debt, at 7 per cent, 126 77  
Salary of engineer, 600 00  
Estimated cost of coal, oil and incidentals, 250 00

Total annual expense, \$1624 27  
Total annual revenue, \$2265 00

Leaving a net profit to the city of \$641 33  
It is but just and proper in this connection to say that the credit for this favorable showing is largely due to the able and careful management of the committee on fire and water.

A good system can be placed in Dwight for \$16,000, at most, and bonds issued for twenty-five years at the same rate of interest, would be paid by the profits, and the taxes need not be increased. Taking into consideration the reduction in the rate of insurance and the increased price of property, who pretends to say it would not be a good investment. The new council should get at themselves and do something that will immortalize their names. In the language of the immortal base ball captain, "Get a hump on yourself!"

## ANOTHER WAY.

V. S. Wright, the superintendent and engineer of the hay press factory, has a scheme which may prove the right thing. That is to pipe water to any part of the town from their deep well, and also to erect a stand pipe for use nights and at times when the engine is not running. The idea is plausible and is receiving much attention from some of our property owners.

Mains can be laid on any street where a sufficient number of residents would agree to take water for a stated period, and the engine could force the water through them while running, and the pressure from the standpipe would do the same nights and Sundays.

The water from the Spencer well is soft and excellent for drinking or washing purposes, and Mr. Wright's scheme should receive the consideration of our citizens.

## Base Ball.

The Wilmington club will be in Dwight next Thursday afternoon. The Dwight boys are practicing every day and a good game may be looked for. Everyone should attend the game and give the boys a good send off. The game will be called at 1:30, and be played on the grounds in the northeast part of town.