

Dwight Star and Herald.

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OL XXIV DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILL., SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1891. NO. 12

Ladies Black Jersey Suits,\$2.50.
A large covered dish.....15 cents
Ladies' Corset Waists, .25 and 35 cents
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E. T. MILLER.

RAILWAY MAGNATES.

The High Officials of the Great Alton Road Spend a Night in Dwight.

Thursday night about 7:30, a special train bearing the President of the Chicago & Alton road and his staff in private cars, pulled into Dwight and were immediately side-tracked west of the depot. No sooner had the car stopped than several distinguished looking gentlemen alighted and started off in pairs in different directions, probably looking for a suitable site for an elegant new depot. About 8 o'clock these gentlemen returned to their cars and invited the citizens' committee and several other citizens to call upon them.

The officials present were T. B. Blackstone, president; C. H. Chappell, general manager; T. M. Bates, superintendent of transportation; K. F. Booth, chief engineer; A. M. Richards, superintendent; John B. Drake, director. The latter gentleman is also proprietor of the Grand Pacific Hotel, in Chicago. These gentlemen represent a good many million dollars and are remarkable for their business shrewdness. The business men's committee, Messrs. C. L. Romberger, S. T. K. Prime, D. McWilliams, J. C. Lewis, B. A. Buck, accompanied by Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, Major C. J. Judd, J. R. Oughton, Hon. O. W. Pollard, Col. R. P. Morgan and W. G. Dustin, of the STAR AND HERALD, were invited to be present at the conference.

Knowing his great experience in railway matters and intimate acquaintance with the officers of the Alton, Col. R. P. Morgan was chosen as spokesman of the committee. He placed the matter before the officials in a convincing and intelligent manner, stating the needs of the town as regards railroad facilities. Mr. Morgan said that he was speaking for himself and thought he voiced the sentiment of the public in regard to what they needed, but as far as the business of Keeley company was concerned, Dr. Keeley was present and could state his own case.

Dr. Keeley informed the officials that there were about 300 patients here now, and hundreds of letters were written by them holding applicants back because they could not accommodate them, and the Keeley company did not want to invest money here under the existing circumstances. The railroad company's buildings here were incompetent for their proper reception; the old depot was an eye sore and gave more protection to tramps and hummers than to the patrons of the road. He thought with 300 men, (and this would increase to 1,000 by fall) from all parts of the country going and coming every three weeks over the Alton road, the company could well afford to make the improvements desired. Dr. Keeley impressed upon the minds of the officials that his company wanted nothing but what was reasonable and what the railroad company could cheerfully give, and if they couldn't get what was right they would have to go where they could get it. He said there was no doubt but Dwight in the near future would be the best paying station between Chicago and Springfield. The Keeley company had already invested \$100,000 and intended to erect a 250 room hotel.

There was no mistaking Dr. Keeley's language. He told the officials in a straight-forward forcible manner, just what was needed, and he was listened to with close attention from beginning to end.

President Blackstone asked the Doctor what assurance the company had that the Keeley Institute would stay in Dwight; that he had heard that they intended to move.

Dr. Keeley stated that if the village did what he thought they would in the matter of waterworks, fire protection drainage, macadamizing, etc., he would remain. That if they didn't he would not, and it did not matter to him whether the depot was built or not.

President Blackstone said that if the Keeley company stayed in Dwight the company would make such improvements as the occasion demanded, and that an engineer would be sent here to survey and draft plans of the improvements requested, which would be submitted to the citizens committee and Dr. Keeley and the officials of the road, and a conclusion arrived at in that manner.

The conference was very harmonious from commencement to finish, and there is no doubt will be productive of much benefit to Dwight.

There is always an "if" in the way it seems. There is one thing sure, if the trustees and people of Dwight do not push the matter of public improvements to a speedy success, they will lose the Keeley company as sure as fate. They are willing, we think, and only await a chance to vote on it, and that chance should be given them immediately. Everything is at stake, and "delays are dangerous."

MONSTER MASS MEETING.

The Most Enthusiastic Mass Meeting Ever held in Dwight.

Keplinger's Hall Crowded to its Utmost Capacity.

As announced by the newspapers last week, there was a mass meeting at Keplinger's Hall last Saturday evening and it was a mass meeting that will not soon be forgotten. It was an epoch in the history of Dwight that will stand out prominently for all time to come. It was called to practically decide, whether our town was to drag along in the same old rut, and lose its prestige forever, or open the future for a glorious and prosperous city, known the world over. If the enthusiasm displayed is a criterion to go by, we should judge the latter will be the outcome. The band played in front of hall at an early hour, and twenty minutes afterwards there was "standing room only."

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Romberger, of the citizens committee, who nominated S. T. K. Prime for chairman. He was elected. The citizens committee composed of the following gentlemen: Messrs. C. L. Romberger, S. T. K. Prime, J. C. Lewis, D. McWilliams and B. A. Buck, took seats on the stage. Let us say right here, that if there ever was five men that deserve the thanks of the citizens of Dwight, it is the above named gentlemen. They were appointed by a citizens meeting Thursday, and from the time the meeting adjourned up to the time of the Saturday meeting, they labored night and day, and none of them could hardly speak a loud word on account of having talked so much. They not only talked a good deal, but talked successfully. We heard one interested man say, that he "rather give his property away than to get that committee after him again."

Mr. Prime took the chair and called on Mr. Romberger to make the report of the committee. He said they had waited on the Leslie E. Keeley company and found their wishes what he considered very reasonable. They were about as follows: They want all of block 15, (the block their buildings are now in), for which they are willing to pay good prices, they also want to change the passage way to the park from where it now is, south near Kern's store, want Franklin street macadamized from 3-1 depot to the Alton depot on West street, wider sidewalks, waterworks, sewerage, better electric lights, forty acres of land on the east side of Franklin street where the race track is now located. Block 15 would eventually be occupied by handsome brick buildings, including another large office building, a building for a first-class cafe, an opera house with seating capacity of 1,200 and secret society halls above, etc. On the land on Franklin street would be erected a 250 or 300 room modern hotel, and the rest of the land converted into an elegant park. In addition to this, better railroad facilities would have to be had. Mr. Romberger considered the requests of the company very reasonable, and if they had asked for four times as much, it would be money in the pockets of the people to grant it immediately. Most everything asked for were improvements badly needed by the town and should have been made before. He hoped and felt sure the people would grant all that was asked for willingly. He spoke of D. McWilliams generous gift which was greatly applauded.

Mr. Prime called on Hon. O. W. Pollard for a speech. His arrival on the stage was greeted with great applause. In speaking of the Gold cure, he said it was the greatest discovery ever made, and that the discoverer was a benefactor of the human race. Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, whom everyone in Dwight was only too proud to call our townsman, was a distinguished gentleman and widely known and highly honored all over the world. His discovery was a substantial blessing to suffering humanity. We all share in his glorification. The discovery was made in the little village of Dwight and we are proud of it. The discoverer worked at it with varied success for years, lingering between hope and fear, until now, thank God, the fear had vanished and he had reached a point where success was assured. In speaking of the great offer the company had had to move away from Dwight, Mr. Pollard said that Chicago capitalists were sharp people and could see a dollar farther than any people in the world. They saw what a grand success the Gold cure was destined to become and were willing to invest millions in it if necessary, to get it away from Dwight. There was not a city or a town in the whole country but would be glad to get the company, and would pay almost any price for it. The company did not want to leave Dwight, and would not if the people would do half way right, and he knew they would. Their requests

amount to practically nothing and including just what the town needed, and should be granted immediately. Keeley, Judd and Oughton, didn't want to leave Dwight, and as they are most desirable citizens, no one wanted them to leave. Of course the small amount asked for would be raised, there was no doubt of it. Why, years ago, when Dwight was in its infancy and there were no sidewalks and women came to church with their husband's boots on for protection from mud, the people of Dwight raised \$16,000 to build the M. E. Church. Then the people were poor, now they are in comfortable circumstances, and can raise the small amount of \$4,000 without a struggle. Already the great Gold cure establishment has recognition from Illinois—the grandest state in the union—in the shape of an appropriation of \$2,500 to assist Dr. Keeley in curing poor patients. That was just a beginning; it would amount to \$100,000 in the near future. Already in the new maps printed, the name of Dwight was not printed in small letters, but large ones, and by the time the world's fair is held in Chicago, the reputation of Dwight will be so great that hundreds of people will come here to see the man that has founded the greatest curative establishment the world ever knew.

The above are only a few of the good points brought out by Mr. Pollard, and his speech was received with great enthusiasm. At this juncture a committee composed of R. C. Adams and Dr. Payne was sent after Dr. Keeley.

In the meantime Squire Johnson made a few remarks, and caused considerable laughter in comparing Dwight without the Keeley institute, with the fall and ruins of the Keplinger building on the corner of Mazon avenue and Franklin street.

A gentleman from Indiana, who had been receiving treatment of Dr. Keeley, a man of great ability, made a short and enthusiastic speech, in which he declared that he knew nothing of the propositions submitted, but he did know that Dr. Keeley no longer belonged to the people of Dwight, but to the whole world. The Gold cure remedy was the grandest discovery ever made. He compared it to Koch's lymph, which killed ninety-five per cent and cured five, and Dr. Keeley cured ninety five per cent and only lost five. He said that blowing would do no good, that if the people of Dwight wanted to keep Dr. Keeley they must do what was right. There were hundreds of cities that would draw a check that would buy everything in Dwight and never miss it, to get the Keeley company to move into their midst. If the people of Dwight did not have business sense enough to keep the company, they should change the name of the town from Dwight to Blight.

During the remarks of the above gentleman, the committee returned with Dr. Keeley. The moment his familiar face was seen at the entrance, such a shout arose from the occupants of the hall as was never heard in Dwight before, and the cheering continued for at least five minutes. Everyone seemed to appreciate the fact that they were doing honor to the man who had made the village famous the world over, the man that held the future of Dwight in his grasp, as it were. The Doctor was visibly effected by the warm reception given him by his neighbors and friends as he was escorted to the stage. He bowed his acknowledgment and took his seat amid much enthusiasm. After the gentleman that was speaking finished, the Doctor was loudly called for and Mr. Prime introduced him.

Dr. Keeley said that it was a positive fact, that in all his life he had never made a public speech. He was very much gratified at the reception he had received from his neighbors and friends, with whom he had dwelt for twenty-four years. He came to Dwight when he was comparatively a young man, and had grown up with the village people, as you might say, as one family. In regard to moving away, the Doctor said the offer was a magnificent one, everything that they possibly needed. He would be very sorry to have to sever his interests in Dwight and its people, and only asked them what he deemed reasonable to bring about good results. With results people come, without results there would be no people. Most of the people that came here were sceptical, but they only lost about five out of a hundred which was not much for a disease that was supposed to be incurable. The institution was the first one where patients were allowed to go free. His patients were under no surveillance of any kind; they "gojas they please," to use a sporting expression. There are no stone walls or iron bars connected with his treatment. There was no other place on earth of the kind where patients are given liquor until they quit of their own accord, and then the cure comes to them like a benediction from God. The Doctor said he wished to remain in Dwight, and he sincerely hoped and trusted that they would work in accord. He noticed when he came to the hall there were no lights lit on the streets. That could not be allowed, and the sidewalks needed widening and the streets paving. The possibilities of Dwight are

great, and there is no reason why the village should not grow into a city of 10,000 inhabitants in the next five years. There were many points connected with this that were not generally known. It would be his endeavor to bring about such results. He hoped and knew that if the town co-operated prosperity would follow. He said the company needed and must have more room. He needed better accommodations for his patients. He wanted the world to understand that the people of Dwight were hospitable, and that people wishing to come here would be comfortably taken care of. The Doctor once more returned thanks for the warm reception given him, and expressed a desire for the best results.

Chairman Prime read the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

WHEREAS, The Leslie E. Keeley company has received favorable propositions to locate elsewhere, and it is the sense of this meeting that we desire them to remain in Dwight.

Resolved, That we recommend that on our behalf as a village, we agree to construct waterworks and sewerage of a capacity suitable for the town, grade and macadamize the road from the I. L. & I. railroad to the Chicago & Alton depot on West street, and improve the electric light plant.

Resolved, That we donate to the Leslie E. Keeley company twenty acres of land which is to be used for hotel and business connected with the Leslie E. Keeley Co.

DECORATION DAY.

The Usual Beautiful Custom Followed in Dwight.

Saturday morning at an early hour, the ladies of the Dwight Women's Relief Corp, assembled at the Sons of Veterans' hall and all the forenoon were kept busy arranging flowers to place on the graves of the dead heroes buried in the cemeteries near Dwight. Contrary to expectations, there were plenty of flowers. They were very beautiful and arranged tastefully.

At 1 o'clock the members of Dwight G. A. R. Post, the Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans, assembled at their respective halls and after placing the flowers in a vehicle for that purpose, marched to the West Side park and took possession of conveyance awaiting them. The procession was about a mile long, and proceeded first to the Catholic cemetery, where a committee decorated the graves there, and then proceeded to the McDowell cemetery. Here the Sons of Veterans formed in line and marched from grave to grave, under the supervision of comrades Buffham, Fox and Lockhart, and decorated the graves. This cemetery presented a very pretty appearance.

From here the procession wended its way to Oak Lawn. Here the ceremonies were repeated. The burial ground presented an exceptionally fine appearance, the grass being closely cropped and the graves neatly fixed up, and profuse with beautiful flowers. After the decorating was concluded Rev. F. W. Merrill was called upon and delivered a patriotic prayer and made a few appropriate remarks.

SUNDAY.

Sunday at 11 o'clock, the three organizations met again at their halls and marched to the M. E. Church. The large audience room was beautifully decorated with flags and flower and every seat was occupied. The choir sang beautifully and Rev. Merrill delivered a very fine prayer.

Rev. P. M. France then delivered a splendid address, full of patriotic sentiment and religious instruction. He appealed to the veterans to fight the battle of their moral and religious life as they did to save the country. The oration was one of the best ever delivered in Dwight, and was highly spoken of by many present.

Thus ended the beautiful services connected with Memorial Day for another year.

The W's and Y's.

We present the following items regarding the W's and Y's from our special correspondent: It is reported that the convention at Chatsworth, Ill. was a grand success. It was stated by the State Pres. of the W. C. T. U. as even better than the State convention held at Peoria six months ago. Why not Dwight has this honor next year? Chatsworth W. C. T. U. is four months old with thirty-one members. Odell gives the best report of the nine unions and two Y's. They are working for eighteen different causes. The little children take great interest. Seventy five belong to the "Loyal Temperance Legion" of Chatsworth.

A great many of the young gentlemen are honorary members.

We wish the Y. W. C. T. U. of Dwight many new members and prosperity.

Butter and Eggs.

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