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Dr. Keeley Talks to the Business Men of Dwight.

At the request of Dr. Keeley, the business men of Dwight assembled at that gentleman's private office Monday morning at 10 o'clock. There were about forty present, and as soon as seated the Doctor said that he had called them together for the purpose of giving them some idea of what the Gold Cure company was intending to do. As soon as the transfer of the Hahn property had been made, the company immediately contracted for \$93,000 worth of buildings, and would contract for as much more when he arrived home from his trip abroad. They would invest a half million dollars in buildings during the next five years. The Livingston when completed would cost about \$60,000, and the office building in course of construction will cost about \$47,000. The company expected to build five or six large and handsome hotels inside of two years on the Hahn property.

The Doctor spoke very kindly of Mr. McWilliams' generous offer in donating the park to the village and thought the people should appreciate it. He thought Mr. McWilliams had shown a worthy desire to assist in the advancement of the town, and he was glad of it. He said that if in the future the village felt the need of another park the company would donate thirty acres of their property in the south part of town. An artificial lake will be located in the park, and fish will be supplied by the state fish commission. A gentleman from the west had kindly offered to furnish a half dozen buffalo some deers and other animals wanted. He placed the population of Dwight at the end of five years at 10,000. He said that many people were in correspondence with him in regard to locating here, and a large amount of money would surely be invested. A new literary paper called "The Banner of Gold" would soon be started here, and a fine office building erected and the machinery run by electricity. The Doctor said he was anxious for the company's prosperity to be shared by the people of Dwight and wanted their assistance in moving ahead. He would do all he could. In five years the company would probably pay at least two-thirds of the taxes. He spoke about the opera house to be built, with a seating capacity of 1,100. The Doctor further stated that in an hour and a half interview with President Blackstone, of the Alton road, last Friday, that official said the company was ready to do all that was asked of them if the Keeley company remained. The plans of the depot are already submitted, and are very pretty—probably the finest on the road. It will shelter 1,000 persons. The express office, etc., will be removed and the railroad will park the land owned by them. Work will be commenced immediately. The Doctor impressed on the minds of his hearers that he wanted the co-operation of all our citizens in the progressive movement. He said that his business was on a firm foundation and could be just as well handled without him. He had competent men at the helm and should he go down in the ship while at sea, the business would continue to do good in the world just the same. He said he was very glad there was such a good turnout, and bid them farewell until September. After the Doctor had finished his remarks, Mr. S. T. K. Prime in behalf of those present, thanked him for his kind words and wished him a pleasant and prosperous journey and a safe return.

Each one present shook hands with the Doctor and the expressions of good wishes were many.

Committees and Officers for the Fourth.

C. L. Romberger, president of the day.
D. B. Stevens, marshal.
J. B. Austin, assistant marshal.
Jas. Kelagher, chairman, W. G. Dustin, secretary, W. H. Taylor, John Thompson, H. L. Hagerly.
A. Boyik, Ed. Hahn, Jno. Baker, merchant's display.
Dr. Abbott, Doc. Hause, J. D. Ketcham, fireworks.
B. A. Buck, Rev. Merrill, Miss Artie Pollard, music.
J. B. Parsons, Dr. Abbott, J. C. Lewis, decorations.

John Thompson, J. B. Austin, W. H. Taylor, sports.
Will Prime, L. T. Lockhart, Doc Hagerly, ragmuffins.
John Crocker, Wm. Barthoic, Geo. N. Flagler, grounds.

The chairman of the above committees are requested to get the members together and make proper arrangements.

The line of march of the procession on the Fourth of July will be as follows: From around the East Side Park, march west on Chippewa, north on Washington, east on Mazon, south on West, east on Chippewa, north on East, east on Mazon to East side school grounds.

Children's Day.

The beautiful custom followed by the M. E. and Congregational churches in Dwight for a number of years on Children's Day were observed last Sunday. The churches were beautifully decorated and the sweet scented perfumes prevailed in the auditoriums. A shower just about the time the exercises were to begin kept many away. Lots of the little ones clad in beautiful white dresses for the occasion were greatly disappointed. Some got wet and others came before and after the shower so that there was a good attendance at both churches.

At the M. E. Church the interesting program published in the STAR AND HERALD last week, was carried out in a very interesting manner. Superintendent Stevens took charge of the program and Mr. Naffziger the musical part, and under their management everything passed off pleasantly.

One of the pleasant features was the presentation of bibles to six of Mrs. Dr. Oakshett's catechism class, for having passed their examinations.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

HEART GARDENS—The Children's Day exercises rendered at the Congregational Church last Sabbath morning.

Children's Day is the one great day of the month of flowers. For weeks the children of the Congregational Sabbath school had their thoughts directed toward this one event, and heartily entered into the preparation for it. Under the supervision of the Christian Endeavor Society, the church was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers in various fitting designs.

The service rendered was entitled "Heart Gardens." A large heart had been prepared and placed upon an easel, and when, during the exercises its decoration with flowers was completed, it was a most beautiful representation of the rich and fragrant flowers that may grow there.

The heavy rain at church time was the only unpleasant feature, yet a very good audience was present, and a collection of \$12.27 was taken for the Sunday school mission work of the church. Many high compliments were passed upon the following program as rendered:

Anthem by choir. "Sing Praises to our Father."

Address of Welcome—Jimmie Bell.

Prayer—Rev. P. M. France.

Quartet—"Holy Spirit."

Song by School—"Oh list to the Songs"

PART 1ST. KING HEARTS ARE THE GARDENS.

Recitation—"How to have a good Heart Garden."—Lloyd France and Louis Hetz.

Responsive Reading, by intermediate class.

Recitation—"How the Weeds get in." Effie Austin.

Recitation—"What the Weeds of Wrong will do." Agnes Buck.

Song by School—"Joyful Chimes."

Recitation—"How to keep the Weeds out." Clara de Clercq.

Declaration—"What to Plant." Earl Bell.

Recitation—"Flowers from the Heart Garden." Etta Calder.

PART 2ND. KIND THOUGHTS ARE THE SEEDS.

Responsive Reading, "The Hidden Mau of the Heart." School.

Recitation, "Thoughts for Each Day." Beatrice Bell.

Reading, "The Silent Sermon." C. D. Wright.

Recitation, "A Little Boy's Thought." Glennie France.

Song, by Little Girls, "We Shall see the King."

PART 3RD. KIND WORDS ARE THE BLOSSOMS.

Recitation, "Sunshine in the Heart Garden." Bennie Baker.

Recitation, "What Jesus Likes." Anna de Clercq.

Reading, "What Kind Words Do." Miss Ella Conant.

Recitation, "Wont and Will." Misses Peterson and Miller.

Song by School, "Now with Heart and Voice Uplifted."

PART 4TH. KIND DEEDS ARE THE FRUITS.

Recitation, "It Is Time." Edith Spring.

Recitation, "What an Old Lady Did." Freddie de Clercq.

Recitation, "My Saint." Ruby Shearer.

Song by School, "Who are They in Bright Array."

Benediction.

Death of Mrs. E. T. Miller's Father.

Mr. C. Hetherington, of Bloomington, Ill., father of Mrs. E. T. Miller, of Dwight, died at his home Tuesday June 16, 1891, at 3:20 p. m., of Bright's disease, at the age of 70 years and 10 months. Mr. Hetherington has been a sufferer for some time, and Mrs. Miller was called to his bedside about two weeks ago, and was there at the time of dissolution. Mr. E. T. Miller was there over Sunday and went again Tuesday. The funeral was held Thursday and largely attended. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have many friends in this vicinity who extend their sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

A Beautiful Present and Happy Response.

It having come to the knowledge of the Bi-Chloride of Gold Club, that Dr. Keeley was about to visit Europe, it was determined to present him with a token of regard, and a pair of marine glasses were selected. He was invited to visit the club room. When the applause which greeted his entrance had subsided, the president of the club made the presentation in a brief and happy manner. Dr. Keeley stood for a moment, evidently much affected, then thanked the club—saying that the glasses would always be a present memory and future remembrance. He paused for a few moments, and then began a talk which was listened to with bated breath as though some prophet was delivering a message from some higher power. In the course of his remarks he used "Charley" to designate a young married man who had become addicted to the liquor habit, who struggled against it, but fell from time to time, despite the aid of physicians and the restraining influences of friends, relatives, temperance societies and church relations. It was a graphic picture and true to life, as a majority of his auditors knew by their own sad experience.

To such a man the self-righteous man says: "You have gone four weeks without whisky, why not four years? Why do you go on spree?" The poor fellow cannot help it. He can no more help it than he can help breathing to live. Shut him up for four weeks and the craving for liquor still remains. He told the story of a young man who had shut himself up for eleven months and twenty days, and then came to Dwight almost crazy for a drink, but he would not yield, for he knew that to take one drink would prove fatal. He was cured and is now a happy prosperous business man in Chicago.

Dr. Keeley gave an account of how for years he had experimented. "It was an uphill work. For years I could only find a dead stone wall in front of me. I was not permitted, like Moses, to climb Pisgah's Mount and gaze upon the promised land. But at last success crowned my efforts, and when the discovery was made I found I had an elephant on my hands. I wrote to 500 physicians asking them what results they had obtained or what they knew in reference to the action of gold, but received no light.

"Paracelsus was the first physician to introduce the use of gold as a medicine. The dead Paracelsus after these many hundred years has done more in this last decade of the 19th century than any man since the time of Christ. Only through him was gold introduced to me. And now when you go forth from Dwight, you will never have want or desire for liquor. It will never be a necessity or a temptation. If any one does drink again, it will be his own deliberate act and in the face of knowledge. More can be done here for the drinking man in three weeks, than can be done elsewhere in three years. It comes to you like a benediction from heaven. I am simply an instrument in God's hand. There are two ways to cure the disease of drunkenness. One by the grace of God, and the other by the Double Chloride of Gold. I do not know why God selected the earth for the manifestation of His power. He might have taken any other planet for the exemplification of His plan of salvation. It would have been equally as easy for Him. Why does this great discovery come to a poor surgeon in an obscure village on the Illinois prairies. God knows what He does, but to mortals his reasons are not given. I esteem it one of the greatest blessings that God has ever bestowed upon humanity and that he selected me as the medium through whom it can be conferred.

Like a father giving a last advice to an only son going out into the world, the Doctor spoke to those who were going to their homes where every night prayers had gone up for their success. The doctor said, each man must stand by his cure. Hereafter there can be no temptation. God is your Moses to lead you out of the wilderness. Do not feel that any one of you has any reason to be ashamed to tell what great things have been done for you. God only has in store a blessing for the brave man, and every man in your town who needs it, should be told where a cure for the drink habit can be found.

Microbes.

The above was the subject of a very interesting lecture Monday evening delivered by Rev. Father Riordan, who has been for a number of years in Australia. The reverend gentleman is a finely educated man, as are all priests, is a fluent talker and uses plain, forcible and convincing language. He has made the history of the discovery of microbes a study, and is thoroughly versed in it. He dwelt at considerable length on the wonderful discoveries made by Pasteur, especially his experience with the hydrophobia, cholera, and silk worm microbes.

Mr. Riordan will deliver his lecture in many towns and cities throughout the country, and we wish him success.

President Reynolds, of the club, presided, and Col. Reed opened the meeting by reading several selections from the scripture.

Water Works.

The first practical steps toward building water works were taken by the city council a week ago last Tuesday, when they decided to invite Geo. C. Morgan, Esq. of Chicago here to look over the ground. That gentleman came here Tuesday, and accompanied by several of our prominent citizens, was driven around town to get the lay of the land so that he could be able to make a rough estimate to present to the council at its meeting in the evening.

The trustees held an adjourned regular meeting and Mr. Morgan was present and gave his views of the matter. He is a gentleman of long experience in this business and knows whereof he speaks, and was lucid in his explanations and positive in his convictions. He is a brother to our esteemed townsman, Col. R. P. Morgan. He said that a tower 82 feet high, stone foundation, with a steel tank on top 36 feet high and 12 ft. wide, with a capacity of about 60,000 gallons of water, a good substantial engine house, large enough to contain engine and boiler, pumps and machinery for everything connected with the water works, and for electric light if needed, and at least two miles of water mains, from 8 to 4 inches in diameter, as necessity requires, would cost not over \$17,500.

Including an electric light plant the outside cost would be \$26,000. As the city has a contract with the present company for five years nothing will be done regarding that at present, if the light furnished is satisfactory and sufficient for the demand.

The above tower will require two wells. The boilers are 12 feet long and 4 feet in diameter, and steam can be gotten up in about twenty minutes. The capacity of the tank is sufficient to throw two streams for one hour without the pumps being used. With full pressure on, it would throw four streams over any building in town. The cost of running the works, Mr. Morgan said, was very light in most places, the Washington, Ill., works being handled by the marshal. He also said that he considered the water supply in Dwight very fine, especially that at the school house, and he thought the authorities should have it analyzed.

In regard to raising the money to pay for the water works Mr. Morgan said the assessed value of property inside the corporation was about \$150,000 and that the board of trustees could issue bonds to the amount of 5 per cent., and that it was not necessary to hold an election. The above amount could be issued in addition to the regular running expenses of the town.

That kind of bonds might be floated at home for 5 or 6 per cent interest, but would not be taken by outside capitalists for less than seven. The above amount could be made as the first payment, and then it would be necessary to get some capitalist or capitalists to take a mortgage on the works and advance the rest of the money. The works would be gilt edged security and probably no trouble would be experienced in getting home capitalists to take the mortgage at 5 or 6 per cent interest.

If our home capitalists take the Village bonds and mortgage at 5 or 6 per cent, it will save the town considerable. We have a good many men who could just as well as not take the securities and they should do so to once.

Mr. Morgan submitted a proposition to the council agreeing to engineer the matter of water works, plans and specifications and arrange all matters pertaining to the question for the sum of \$250 and rail road fair for two trips to Dwight. This proposition was immediately accepted by a unanimous vote of the board. The price is considered very reasonable indeed. Mr. Morgan guarantees that the cost shall not be more than the estimate.

In answer to a question as to the time necessary to construct the works, Mr. Morgan said that when the plans and specifications, money matters in satisfactory condition, and everything ready, the works would be constructed and ready for business in about sixty days.

If everything goes along smoothly the Dwight water works will be in nice running order before snow flies.

Married.

Mrs. Adelajde Keck, nee Cornell, and Mr. Ira S. Carpenter, of Montgomery, Ill., were married Wednesday at 4:30 p. m., at the residence of the brides' mother Mrs. Emmeline Cornell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. W. Merrill. After the knot was securely tied the small party of relatives and friends present extended congratulations and sat down to a fine dinner. They will reside in Montgomery, and many friends wish them much joy.

A Generous Act.

The gentlemen here for treatment added another act of kindness to their long record this week, by raising a neat sum of money for an unfortunate, and presented him with a good suit of clothes and other needed articles. It would be hard indeed to get together on this mundane sphere, a more generous, sympathetic, intelligent, and at the same time, jollier set of men, than are gathered together in Dwight, from all over the world.