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Dwight's Prosperity.

73 Lots added to the Village of Dwight,
**THURSDAY, AUG. 27, 1891,
RENFREW**

ADDITION.

The Choicest Residence Property in the Village of Dwight.
Franklin street is 100 FEET WIDE. All other street 80 FEET.

Pure Air, Pure Water,
Wide Streets, Tiled Streets.

J. P. McWILLIAMS,
BANK OF DWIGHT. DWIGHT, ILL.

A Partial List of Gentlemen

Who have obtained policies of the MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

Edward McWilliams	Everett B Lewis	Lew Hollemeyer
James B Austin	Jas Kelagher	Jno R Oughton
J C Lewis	A M Bartholic	L A Naffziger
Ed L Stevens	Howard H Huey	Geo L Kern
John H Kane	Chas M Maderwell	Chas M Huey
John W Baker	B S Reurick	W C Bartholic
A J Diefenbach	Geo Peterson	Manning Smith
John Grundler	Rev F W Merrill	E R Cross
Geo Alby	Frank Grundler	Isaac L Perry
P H Langan	Dr H J Taxis	J C Lutz
W D Phillips	Chas M Baker	Hans C Rosendall
Henry Joost, Jr	Dr F D Coltrin	J C Lanan
Joseph Eyer	Eugene H George	Rev M A Burton
S L Glover	Al A Boyer	E T Potter
Ed Christian	Myron B Tambling	Win D Roeder
H V Ivins	Joseph Hollemeyer	Walter M Weese

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This list of names serves to remind you of the great benefits to yourself and family derived from the endowment investment policies of the

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OF MILWAUKEE, WIS.

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Office over E. T. Miller's Store. DWIGHT, ILL.

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The Best Flour for the Least Money OF ANY PLACE IN TOWN.

I also keep all kinds of Feed for stock constantly on hand. I am also prepared to furnish Bran, Middlings, Oil Meals, Etc., or any kinds of Feed by the ton or car load, at the very lowest rates. Give me a call when you want anything in my line, for I can satisfy you. Butter, Eggs and Grain taken in exchange for goods. I am also agent for all kinds of Jersey Stock of the best quality. Prices very low.

GEORGE HART, Agent.

DWIGHT, ILL., September 7, 1891.

Call on the Old Reliable Store

M. F. REILLY & CO.,
REDDICK, ILL.

HEADQUARTERS FOR
General Merchandise

—SUCH AS—

Hardware, Wagons, Buggies, Agricultural Implements, Hard and Soft Coal, Lumber, Grain, Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes,

And Notions to numerous to mention, also Manufacturers of Fine Creamery Butter.

Professor Fisk is Dead.

Never since we have been in the newspaper business in Dwight, have we been called upon to chronicle the death of any one that has brought us so much sadness as that of Prof. Fisk. This indeed can be said of the whole community.

Tuesday morning when the sorrowful news became known throughout the city that this good and popular man had passed away to the world beyond, there was sadness depicted on the countenance of every townsman you met. His position in this community had brought him in contact with all and his kindly nature and his strong, earnest, consistent, Christian character, had made for him a place in every heart. His advice was sought for by all classes, and his sympathy for mankind in general, always caused him to lend a willing ear and give the best of advice. Prof. Fisk was a man of great moral courage, which was prominent in his character to the last hour of his useful life. He met everyone with a smile of welcome and a word of encouragement. He was always anxious to do his duty and more. This was exemplified in a touching manner when on the morning of the last day of his life, he wished to be taken to the schools. It was the first day of school and his last day on earth.

Wednesday morning at ten o'clock the funeral took place at the M. E. Church, Rev. P. M. France, his pastor, preaching the sermon, and the scene there was one of the most sad and affecting that ever occurred. Between two and three hundred scholars, graduates and teachers, those that had profited by his teachings and had been closely connected with him and knew his worth, were present, and their grief was heartrending. Tears streamed down their faces as they took one last look at the kindly face they had learned to love.

A little after ten o'clock, as the casket was brought into the church the solemn funeral march sounded out its sad refrain and when all became quiet, the choir sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Rev. France then read the obituary and preached a short sermon, the former we publish below. The services closed in Dwight by the choir singing one of the Professor's favorite hymns, "Rock of Ages," after which everyone was offered an opportunity to take a last look at all that remained of the great and good man.

OBITUARY.

"The subject of this memorial, Henry David Fisk, was born in Abington, Mass., Sept. 25, 1856, and was therefore at his decease nearly thirty-five years of age. He, with his parents, removed to this state in 1860, settling in the vicinity of Chenoa, where the family residence continues still. He was the first born of a large family of children, and early in life the burden of a great responsibility was laid upon him, for when but fifteen years of age he was bereaved by the loss of his father. It was he that the real struggle of life began. Unlike many others he seemed older than his years, and at once became an efficient helper in his mother in the maintenance of the family, and a faithful companion and counselor to its younger members. He was of studious habits and made of himself many other things with far better advantages than he failed to do. He began teaching when eighteen years of age and it has been his life's work. Thoroughly in love with his profession he made use of every means within his reach to make himself proficient in it. Every year chronicled advance, not only on the part of his pupils, but upon his own, and his growth and preference are only cut short by his early death. The last ten years of his life he served as principal of schools—two years at Cayuga and eight at Dwight. How much he has accomplished in his chosen work is not ours to record; time and eternity alone can complete the record. This much at least is true, his memory in the hearts of his pupils will ever be held sacred. Prof. Fisk was a man of faith and prayer. "The child is father to the man." He was converted when a child, and being a Christian child and a Christian youth he laid in that the foundation for a Christian character that was above reproach. His first public profession of Christ was in the autumn of 1879, and in the month of December following he united with the Congregational church, of Chenoa. To him the Christian life meant more than mere profession and church membership. It meant living and doing. Hence, many trusts committed to his hands were sacredly held and faithfully administered. He was superintendent of the Sunday school at Chenoa two years and of the Congregational Sunday school here for a term of five years, and for a number of years was president of the board of church trustees, until failing health made it impossible for him to serve longer. Always faithful in church attendance both at the social meetings and Sabbath services, and ever a warm

friend and trusted counselor of his pastor. 'He will be missed for his seat will be vacant.'

He was united in marriage with Miss Estelle E. Haynes, Nov. 19 1879, Rev. Van Pelt, of the M. E. Church, officiating. During these years five children have come into the home to gladden it with their presence. Only once did the shadows settle upon their home when God called one of the little ones to His bright home. His was not a home of luxury and of ease, but it was one of comfort, and where love had its dwelling, and was ever permeated with an air of unfeigned hospitality.

The childhood and youth of Prof. Fisk gave promise of a strong and vigorous manhood, but owing to a severe and prolonged attack of rheumatism when he was sixteen years old, he was left with an impaired constitution, and henceforth the battle of life was fought in the face of physical weakness. Yet with the heritage of an indomitable will, and a disposition to look on the bright side of life he was able to accomplish a great amount of labor.

He did not live long, but he lived much. He did not live for self, but for others. He gave and labored, when giving and toil were at a cost of great sacrifice, yet he had his reward in the knowledge that others were relieved and made happy.

But now the days of toil are ended, and the sleepless nights so full of weariness and pain are over. That frail form scarcely able to bear the strain put upon it, grown so familiar to us all, is now in quiet repose. Those hands so willing to do for others are folded across the breast. That poor diseased heart that tried so hard by its fitful beatings to perform its functions, is now still. But that spirit that gave life and animation, and compelled the weak body to do its bidding has burst its prison bars and has gone to be with the God he loved and whom he delighted to serve. Of him also, we may write: "Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord, yea, saith the spirit for his works do follow him."

The remains were taken to the C. & A. depot and from there to Chenoa, the old home of both Prof. and Mrs. Fisk, where the burial took place. The mourners were accompanied by Rev. France, the entire school board, and many friends.

Rev. Brown took charge of the service in the Baptist church at Chenoa. Mr. Brown was a friend of the Professors from boyhood to his death, and spoke very feelingly of his relations with him. The grave was completely lined with evergreens inside, and beautiful flowers surrounded it. It seems that everywhere Mr. Fisk was known the same love and esteem filled the hearts of the people.

It is hardly necessary for us to state that the sympathy of this entire community is extended to the grief-stricken widow and the fatherless little ones, and that kind hearts and hands will be extended to them in their sorrow.

Your "Dads."

Your "Dads" all assembled at their headquarters in the East Side park, beside the water works, except the largest Dad of the crowd, Mr. Taylor. That gentleman is excusable, as Mrs. Taylor has been visiting in the East for some time, and the portly aiderman is getting a little absent minded.

The following bills were allowed: Geo. Conant, \$2; E. Collins, \$10.50; M. Wilkes, \$20.25; L. J. Trunnell, feeding prisoners, \$2; printing, \$2; R. Orr, \$35; Mr. Seigert, \$56; A. R. Palmer, analyzing Waters' and Spencer's water, \$70. The bill of Mr. Seigert was cut \$4 on account of some of the lights not burning.

A motion was made and seconded and passed to employ McIlhuff & Torrance to draw up an ordinance authorizing the Board to issue bonds of \$8,500, to come due as follows: \$2,000 April 1, 1896, 1897, 1898, and \$2,500 same date in 1899.

The proposition to straighten Mazon creek for drainage purposes was reported unfavorably by the street and alley committee.

The official analysis of the water from Waters' and Spencer's wells were read and ordered spread on the records. Your "Dads" then went home.

Death of Mrs. Ellen Gould.
Mrs. Ellen Gould, widow of the late Orwin Gould, died at Los Angeles, Cal. two weeks ago Thursday at the advanced age of seventy-seven years, and was buried at Oak Lawn cemetery in Dwight last Monday. The cause of her death was general debility. A short service was held at the residence of R. C. Adams where many relatives and friends were assembled. Rev. Merrill officiating. Mrs. Gould came west and settled in this vicinity in 1856, and is well known to almost everyone here. She was beloved by all who knew her. She leaves three sons and two daughters to mourn her loss, who have the sympathy of many friends.

Pennsylvania House.

The above is the name given the beautiful building recently finished and occupied by Mr. Samuel Lower and family. The structure is an elegant one and a credit to our little city. It is handy to the business center, and contains sixteen well lighted and ventilated rooms, in which they will accommodate gentlemen here for treatment at the Keeley institute. The basement is furnished for a summer kitchen and laundry purposes, and from which is a thorough drainage system. A pleasant piazza adorns the front of the house and handsome bay windows, two stories high, adds to its beauty on the east side. The center door in front leads one into a roomy hall from which leads the staircase. On the right is a large double parlor, and on the left is the gentlemen's waiting room, wash room and large dining hall which contains linen and china closets. The kitchen is large and situated off the dining room. The second story contains nine neatly and comfortably furnished sleeping rooms. Every room in the house contains heating registers. The house as a whole is one of the finest in Dwight, handsomely painted and finished, and elegantly furnished. Mr. and Mrs. Lower are well known for their hospitality, and any one who has the good luck to be assigned to their care, will receive kind and honorable treatment.

School Books.

Tuesday, Sept. 15, will be held in Pontiac, a meeting of all school officers of the county, to take further action in regard to uniformity of text books and several other matters of importance. The principal object, however, is the former, and every school officer of the county should be present, as it is a matter that interests everyone who has children who attend school or expects to have. If the text books were all the same, even in Livingston county, it would save thousands of dollars to those that need the money most—the renters who move from one district to another so often, and in many cases have to purchase new outfits for their children. The uniformity would make the work of the schools more systematic and give teachers more time with each class, and when scholars moved from one district to another, they could take up the same work without loss of time. The county schools could be graded and the scholar given a certificate stating where he had left off, or studies finished, which would be honored in any other district. There are many other benefits to be derived from uniformity in this matter, which we might enumerate and we hope every school officer in the county—about nine hundred—will be present and come to some final agreement, and also make some arrangement with some house to furnish books at a large reduction.

Superintendent Foster is much interested in this matter and deserves credit for it.

Smith-Aumann.

The largest company gathered in Marion for years to witness a marriage ceremony, assembled at the residence of Mr. John Aumann, last evening, to witness the nuptials of Mr. John H. Smith and Miss Lucy Aumann. Rev. Paul F. Jones performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The groom has long been a popular teacher in the city schools, and is a splendid young man. His bride is one of Marion's fairest and most highly esteemed young ladies. A fine supper was spread for the numerous guests. In the midst of the festivities Marion's cornet band appeared and discoursed sweet music.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have gone at once to housekeeping in the dwelling on Third street recently occupied by Miss Anna Brown.

The presents numbered nearly one hundred, and were very handsome, useful and costly, probably aggregating from five hundred to one thousand dollars in value.—Marion (Kan.) Review.

A Runaway.

Charley Baker's yellow carriage horse got on a rampage Wednesday and ran away with a carriage full of girls and threw them out injuring them quite badly and smashing the carriage. The horse got scared at some barrels near the depot and turned and ran south tipping the vehicle over in front of the "Star" grocery. Miss Cora Baker was driving and was accompanied by Sadie Sadler, Louise Baker, Ella Baker and Mary Sparks, whom she was about to take home. Louise was quite badly injured and was carried home, and all the girls were bruised considerably and presented a sorry spectacle, being covered with dirt. After being washed up it was found that no bones were broken and they are all able to be around again. They escaped luckily.

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New Principal.

Dr. Palm, president of the Board of Education, informs us that there has been a great many applications for the principalship of the Dwight schools and that the efficiency of each will be carefully inquired into before any choice is made. This is the right view to take of it. Professor Fisk has brought the Dwight schools up to a high standard and probably no town in the state of its size can boast of better results. This good name should be carefully guarded by the Board and we think will be. It is better to get along a few weeks even without a principal and get the right man in the end, than to be in haste, and get the wrong one.

Applications have been received from Mr. C. R. Tombaugh, of Odell; Mr. J. M. Brosius, Abingdon, Ill.; E. E. Hand, from near Cairo this state, and several others whose names we did not learn.

Thieves as Well as Hoodlums.

The Morris ball club proved to be, if reports are true, a lot of thieves as well as hoodlums, or else their friends are. After the game broke up in a row last week, two fine ball bats and one of Ed. Reeb's catching gloves were missing. Nothing could be found of them, but afterwards one of the Morris players offered to get them if the Dwight boys would give him a dollar. The boys didn't propose to be blackmailed, and refused to give the dollar. Along in the evening, after most of the boys went home, they came down in their price and offered to return the stolen articles for fifty cents. This is the gang that had the monumental gall to offer to play against the Dwight in Joliet for \$100 a side. We don't believe the whole crowd ever saw \$100, and the only way they will ever get to Joliet is when the sheriff takes them there.

Reunion of the 129th.

DEAR COMRADES:—The annual reunion of the old boys of the 129th Illinois, takes place in Pontiac, Sept. 22, 1891. Grand camp fired day and night. Every soldier in the county, no matter what organization, regiment or ship, is hereby solicited, invited and commanded to come, fall into line, touch elbows to the right and march to the music of the union as you did in the days when the first shot at Sumpter was heard around the world. The Ladies Relief Corps will arrange to feed you all in "grand army" style at twenty-five cents each. The railroads have all agreed to bring you here and take you back home for a fare and a third for the round trip. So get a "soldier move" on yourself, boys, and let's shake hands again, and march to the drum traps of fraternity, charity and loyalty. Yours in F. C. & L.,
H. H. McDOWELL,
President.

ZEPH WINTERS, Secretary.

A Little Story.

Do you pay \$10 a month rent? If so you will pay in eighty months \$800, and the money is gone, as far as you are concerned, forever. You can go into the Equitable Building and Loan Association, and have a home of your own in the same time, and the money or home is yours forever and it hasn't cost you a cent. You have made your home for nothing and \$4.80 more. Isn't it true?

Now a word to those that want to make a few hundred honest dollars. You pay the Equitable \$440 in monthly payments of \$5.50, and in eighty months you will get a cool \$1,000 for it. Pay the Equitable \$2.75 a month for eighty months and you will get five hundred in cash.

Call on W. G. Dustin, the resident agent, for further particulars.

Thought Dwight was Joliet.

The man injured by the cars here recently, said he saw the elegant brick buildings, the fine new depot going up, electric lights, and the large crowd at the depot and on the streets, and jumped off because he thought it was Joliet. If the poor man had waited to have seen the waterworks before he jumped he never would have been hurt. But nevertheless we do boom, just the same, and we'll have water works if we don't die too young.

In Switzerland.

A cablegram was received by the Keeley company from Dr. Keeley at Geneva, Switzerland, saying that their party arrived there all right and were enjoying that splendid climate immensely. The doctor will probably be in Dwight some time between the first and tenth of October.

The gentlemen and ladies that accompanied the remains of Prof. Fisk to Chenoa, speak very highly of the manner in which they were entertained. Mrs. Fisk's father, Mr. Haynes, took all to par his residence and gave them a warm reception.