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Dwight's Prosperity.

73 Lots added to the Village of Dwight,

RENFREW ADDITION.

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

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Wide Streets, Tiled Streets.

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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 Moderwell	A G Huey
John W Baker	B S Rearick	W C Bartholic
A J Diefenbach	Geo Peterson	Manning Smith
John Grundler	Rev F W Merrill	E R Cross
Geo Atry	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	E C Lanan
Joseph Eyer	Eugene H George	Rev M A Burton
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GEORGE HART, Agent.

DWIGHT, ILL., September 7, 1891.

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In Memorium.

We take the following from the Bulletin of Bloomington, because many of our readers were life-long acquaintances and friends of Mr. Spencer. Among them may be enumerated David McWilliams, Maj. Curtis J. Judd, Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, R. P. Morgan and others.

During Mr. Spencer's vice presidency of the Chicago & Alton railroad Col. Morgan was associated with him as its general superintendent, and they were, up to the time of the death of Mr. Spencer, on the most intimate and cordial terms of friendship.

The McLean circuit court convened this morning for the September term with Judge Tipton on the bench, and prior to entering upon the regular business of the session, the Hon. A. E. Stevenson addressed the court as follows:

If Your Honor please:—Since the adjournment of this court, all that is mortal of Hamilton Spencer has been borne to "the place appointed for all the living." Before that sad service was performed, his associates at the bar formally adopted resolutions expressive of their appreciation of his talents and character, and of their sorrow of his tragic death.

The resolutions I now present and ask that they may become a part of the enduring records of this court.

Death is inexorable. There is no appeal from the dread decree which dooms all that live, to the dust. The eulogist of a great senator said: "The daily lesson of mortality repeated in every age and every clime is the only language common to all of the inhabitants of the earth, speaks so clearly to those in the most exalted, as to those in the humblest station. The cabinets and audience chambers of kings and the halls of senate are as obedient to the inexorable voice as the lonely tent or wigwam of the poorest dweller in the desert. Misery and happiness, want and affluence are equal before it, and so day by day, they disappear from the scene of our endeavor, as well the actors of the great parts as the simple figures who only pass unnoticed across the shadows of the most distant part of the stage."

I have no words, your honor, with which adequately to express my admiration for Mr. Spencer, and my sorrow at the tragedy which has suddenly and forever removed him from the walks of men.

I hazard nothing in saying that the Illinois bar has known no able member. Thoroughly educated—astute along the pathway of human learning; gifted with an intellect at once analytical and capable of the most profound investigation—he stood almost without a peer at the bar. Sprung from an illustrious line of lawyers, he could not himself be other than a great lawyer.

In his early professional life, he was the associate at the bar of New York of Van Buren, Kernan, Conkling and many of the eminent lawyers of that great state. Fifteen years ago when I entered congress Mr. Spencer kindly gave me a letter to Senators Kernan and Conkling, the one his old law partner, the other his student. Each of these gentlemen in the warmest terms expressed his admiration for Mr. Spencer, and his appreciation of his great talent and lofty character.

As we recall him at this moment he stood among us as a lawyer of a by-gone generation. He was little fitted for the hurly burly of modern practice, where too often the rewards are merely mercenary, but upon the lofty plane of debate where great questions were discussed and determined, he knew few superiors. To lawyers who knew Mr. Spencer I have no hesitation in saying that he was the possessor of the qualities which would have made him worthy associate in the great court, of Marshall, Taney, Chase and Davis.

At the banquet given to Judge Reeves some weeks ago, Mr. Spencer appeared amongst us for the last time. We will not soon forget his appearance, nor his pathetic allusion to the generation of lawyers of whom he was almost the sole survivor.

When he sadly reminded us that even great lawyers soon pass from the memory of men, I recalled the touching eulogy of Judge Cothran upon the most gifted of South Carolina's lawyers, James L. Pittgrene. Said he: "There is perhaps no reputation that can be achieved amongst men that is so transitory, so evanescent as that of a great advocate. The very word that enchants us is magical. Its effects can be felt, it influences our actions, it controls and possesses us; but to define it, or to tell what it is, or how it produces these effects, is as far beyond our power as to imprison the sun beam. In the presence of such majestic power, we can only stand awed and silent."

In the loftiest sense Mr. Spencer was a gentleman, a man of honor. Proud of the honorable profession of the law, he never entered its temple with unclean hands. The soul of courtesy, of candor, his principle in action was:

"There is nothing so kingly as kindness, Nothing so royal as truth."

The resolutions were printed in the Bulletin at the time of their adoption by the bar.

Judge Tipton ordered them spread on the records, and embraced the occasion to speak very feelingly and appropriately of the distinguished man and lawyer so lately taken away.

Another Special Meeting Called.

Saturday evening another special meeting of the city council took place. This meeting was called to take into consideration another proposition from Mr. Spencer.

After reading a few letters in reference to water mains, etc., the real business of the evening was brought forth by the reading of the second proposition, which was in substance, as follows:

The city to connect a ten inch main with Mr. Spencer's pump, put in all the mains, etc., as in former proposition, Mr. Spencer to put in pump and wells, also tank 20x30 feet, furnish the water from either vein, for the protection free of cost, to rent water privileges and collect rent, giving to the town 30 per cent of same. For sprinkling purposes Mr. Spencer will charge three cents per 1000 gallons. If either proposition was accepted he agrees to pay all expenses incurred in sinking the well in the park.

Alderman Taylor said he was getting tired of monkeying around, and was in for going ahead with the work they had commenced, and thought they had been fooling long enough. The board had sent Mr. Wright and himself to places to look at works and that Mr. Wright on returning had endorsed the plan of the city putting in their own system, also putting the well in the park. He agreed with Mr. Wright then, and was of the same opinion now.

Mr. Wright said that he did endorse the city putting in its own system, but at that time he did not know that Mr. Spencer was contemplating putting in a bid on the construction of the works so much cheaper than the town could put them in. Taylor said he had heard that the Alton had the Spencer water analyzed, and would not use the water.

Wright said he did not believe the road ever had the water analyzed, as they never had the chance to get it.

R. P. Morgan said the proposition was before the board a few weeks ago to decide on the best water to use. The waters had been analyzed and the best water for general use designated, and he did not see what else the board desired in that direction. He also had the previous Monday and Tuesday a personal interview with the general roadmaster and civil engineer of the Alton road, who during the conversation said: "They would not use the Spencer water." Mr. Morgan also stated, that with the analysis of two disinterested parties, it was conclusive evidence that the Spencer water was not the water wanted.

Wright said that their water did not scale the boiler.

Leach wanted to know of Mr. Wright if the chemist did not ask him if the water did not scale the boiler.

Wright said he did not think the chemist asked that question.

Morgan stated that if the water in the park was like the Waters' well, the railroad would take water from the city, which would be equivalent of paying interest on \$6,000 of the indebtedness.

Taylor said Eyer Bros. states that Mr. Spencer had not got the same vein of water as the Waters' well and others, that it is a mud vein.

Leach said he thought they had got settled down to work, and everything all right. "We have received bids on our pipes, and it will take three weeks at least to get them here, if we ordered them at once. I believe the same as I have stated before, that the town should control their own works, and it there is any money in it the city should have it."

Bell said his understanding had been that the committee of three was to attend to this work, and as far as he was concerned was willing for them to go ahead and use their own judgment.

Leach said if it was left in the hands of the committee he would guarantee that the work would be pushed forward. He believed that the papers had good reason for kicking at the way the board had been dallying along with the water works question.

Taylor said Spencer was always bringing in some proposition to cause delay, and he for one, was getting tired of this kind of work. Spencer sees a revenue in this business and he wants it. Why is it the board cannot see it? If some man would come from New York and tell us he could give us good water in New York, I suppose we would have to stop and talk about it. He for one, was tired of it.

Mr. Thompson said he had studied a great deal over this matter, and thought it unfair for them to give fire protection to a few, and not to the mass of the people. We have only \$8,500 to go on and that would not give protection to half

the town. I am ready to go back to the original proposition and begin over again.

R. P. Morgan thought the board was all right and on the right track. They should go ahead and finish the well in the park and by that time they would receive answers from their advertisement for bids, and would then be better able to decide what course to pursue.

The money question was then talked over to some length.

Stevens thought that the meeting was called for the purpose of taking action on the Spencer propositions and believed it should be disposed of.

Mayor Thompson wanted to know what they should do with the Spencer proposition.

Taylor moved that the matter be laid over until the next regular meeting of the board.

The vote being taken the members all voted yea with the exception of Leach, who voted nay.

The board then adjourned to meet Tuesday evening, Sept. 23.

The Hay Palace.

Some people have more money than some people have hay. Momenca has some hay that is making them money. It is in the shape of a palace. The walls are built of baled hay with brown straw trimmings and hundreds of flags float from the hay spires. Inside as fine a display of agricultural products, machinery, etc., is to be seen as in the Chicago exposition, and the gentlemanly officers and managers do all in their power to please and entertain their visitors. The editor of the STAR AND HERALD went over to see the palace Wednesday and assist Gov. Fifer in opening the exposition, but as the Governor concluded he could unlock the front door alone, we let him have his own way, and became a silent spectator and our fondest hopes decayed once more.

At about 2 o'clock the splendid Brazil, Ind., band commenced the program by playing a fine selection, which was followed by the Schumann lady quartette, of Chicago, who are not excelled anywhere. Prof. Harry Diamond, the great violinist, is a wonder in his line. They will all remain ten days. Gov. Fifer was then introduced and made a splendid speech that was highly appreciated by all present.

PEOPLE WE MET.

Samuel Goodspeed, Elmer Jeffries, Miss Lockhart, A. L. Leach and a few others of Dwight, were seeing the Momenca people making hay palaces while the sun shined. Messrs. Gregg and Starrett, of Wilson, were on deck, the former looking up a good location to buy land. Mr. and Mrs. Barney O'Reilly and two daughters, Henry Palmer, Dr. and Mrs. Flexer and the little Flexers, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Johnson and sons, Ed. McGowan and best girl, Oscar Mulford and two young ladies and Mr. Senoat, were among the jolly crowd from Reddick; Mr. Lawless, of Campus, was also present. Some of the above people only went to Kankakee, Barnum's show being the attraction.

Friday, Carter Harrison and Gen. Alger were in Momenca. There is one thing certain, the people of Momenca are chock full of enterprise and a dollar does not look to them as large as a cart wheel. They have thousands of dollars invested in the hay palace, and it is certainly a great sight and should, and undoubtedly will be, well patronized.

John Kinason's gentle voice sounds out like a fog horn from the rear end of his handsome 'bus. He is doing a great business.

The Central M. E. Conference.

The Central Illinois M. E. Conference was in session last week at Moline, and, as usual, a great many changes were made in the stations of ministers. This year one of the changes applies directly to Dwight. Rev. F. W. Merrill, the brilliant young pastor of the M. E. Church, was transferred to the Rock Island district, and assigned to the first M. E. Church of Rock Island. We are informed that the edifice in which he will preach the gospel, is a \$60,000 building and that the salary is \$1,500 a year and parsonage furnished. This is a great jump for Mr. Merrill, but not more than he deserves. We have always maintained that his ability would soon be recognized, and he would soon be awarded a place in the front rank of the M. E. divines. We join this community in wishing him and his family success and happiness wherever their lot may be cast in the future.

Rev. A. M. Conard, of Matamora, is assigned to the Dwight M. E. Church for the ensuing year. We understand he is a young man of great ability and is very popular with his congregation at Matamora. He will receive a warm welcome from the people of Dwight, and will preach his first sermon here to-morrow morning.

Rev. Thomas Doney is still Presiding Elder of the Streator District. Rev. P. A. Cool, of Pontiac, was not

assigned to any charge, and it is generally understood that he is desirous of being transferred to the Rock River conference and be assigned to some charge in Chicago.

The further assignments in this neighborhood as follows: Odell, T. C. Moots; Pontiac, Joe Bell; Ransom, C. A. Moore; Campus, M. C. Eignus; Fairbury, L. F. Cullom; Forrest, J. E. Mercer; Canton, E. S. Wilson; Streator, G. C. Shappard; Saunemin, John Small; Elmwood, H. K. Metcalf.

Still Kicking.

The Morris Herald says on one side of its last issue that the STAR AND HERALD's report of the recent ball game was a pack of lies. On the other side it scores its own players for the ungentlemanly manner in which they acted. We have the statement of outsiders as to the facts in the matter and everyone we have heard speak of the affair, says the Morris players and their henchmen acted very disgraceful. We do not uphold our boys in any of their kicking unless they are right, and every disinterested person, even residents of Morris, are united in their opinion that the kick was pre-arranged, and no matter what happened, that if the Dwight boys had a ghost of a show, the game was to be broke up before the fish innung so it could not be declared a game.

Real Estate Sales.

The following real estate deals are reported to the STAR AND HERALD by the Chas. L. Romberger agency:

Jacob Christian purchased 160 acres of Jas. P. Gardner for \$60 per acre.

The Lower farm was re-sold last week to J. T. Clark, of Charlotte township, for \$7,800.

D. K. Unsicker sold 240 acres to Clement Stiechen for \$52.50 per acre.

The Geo. C. Gardner farm of 200 acres was sold to Jens Mortensen for \$47 per acre.

Harry Lawrence sold to W. T. Baird lot on corner Mazon and Lincoln street for \$400.

Mr. Wood sold his 160 acre farm to Michael Dwyer, of Chenoa, for \$9,600 cash.

A Quite, Happy Wedding.

Miss Mary Weller, daughter of John Weller, and Frank Lower, son of Abe Lower, all of Round Grove, hid themselves away to the county seat Tuesday, and sought out the Baptist minister, and were quietly joined in matrimony. Homer Rogers and Miss Lou Weller, sister of the bride, acted as best man and bridesmaid. The happy couple came back at 4 o'clock the same day and went to the residence of Mr. Weller, near Wilson. Mr. Lower is a hard working young farmer, and his bride is one of Round Grove's popular young ladies. The STAR AND HERALD joins with their many friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous future.

Grand Fair and Entertainment.

There will be a grand fair and entertainment at Emington, commencing next Monday, the 21st, and closing Monday evening the 28th, for the benefit of the new Catholic Church at that place. Great preparations are being made for the occasion and there is sure to be a large attendance. Ice cream and refreshments will be served and all kinds of amusements will be enjoyed. Splendid music has been secured for those that wish can trip the light fantastic every night. The cause is a good one and the management extend a cordial invitation to the public. A large number from in and around Dwight will attend.

Married Twenty-Five Years.

At the home of Mr. T. Weldon on Seminoe street, on the 13th inst., there was gathered a very few of the near friends of the family in honor of the marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon. With what pleasure we all look back to the mile stones along the journey of life. Two nice easy chairs and several elegant pieces of silver were presented. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, of Verona, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Allison, and S. V. Allison, of Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. John Leach, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Emple, Mr. and Mrs. L. Tanner, Jr. Four generations of the Weldon family were represented.

Uniformity.

At the meeting of the school officers of the county, held at Pontiac Tuesday, the question of uniformity of text books was thoroughly discussed and adopted with only one or two dissenting votes. A committee was appointed, one from each township, to take charge of the matter, and it is thought by the winter term each school in the county will be properly graded and supplied with uniform text books. This is certainly a step in the right direction, and a great saving to parents.