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DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILL., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1891.

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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.

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

J. P. McWILLIAMS,

BANK OF DWIGHT. DWIGHT, ILL.

MORAL:-

Insure in the

Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co.

OF MILLWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

S. E. HOUSTON, Special Agent,

Office over Liggett & Fenn's. DWIGHT, ILL.

GEORGE HART,

—OF THE—

Dwight Feed Mill

....WILL SELL....

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 Nursery Stock of the best quality. Prices very low.

GEORGE HART, Agent.

DWIGHT, ILL., September 7, 1891.

Call on the Old Reliable Store

—OF—

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.

Elegant Passenger Station.

The relations of many of the people of Dwight and the Chicago & Alton railroad officials have been very cordial for many years. Col. R. P. Morgan who discovered the locality where Dwight is, we might almost say, was formerly general superintendent of the road and also surveyed and laid out Dwight; Dr. Leslie E. Keeley has been the company's surgeon for many years; David McWilliams has been interested in the road financially for a long while; Chas. L. Romberger is the company's attorney at this point; the township has held stock in the company since it was built; and many citizens we might mention have been on intimate terms with the managers for years. It was through the influence of these gentlemen, and the great success of the Leslie E. Keeley Company that the Alton company has now in course of construction in Dwight the finest passenger station on the line outside of Chicago, St. Louis or Kansas City. The depot has a solid foundation of Joliet stone and the depot proper will be built of Bedford blue stone from Indiana.

There is one peculiarity regarding the Bedford stone which is not generally known. It is composed almost entirely of shells. They are not visible to the naked eye, but when placed under a powerful glass the discovery is made, and it presents a most handsome appearance. Through the courtesy of Mr. J. C. Lewis, one of our esteemed and popular jewelers, we were afforded an opportunity to examine the stone. It presents a beautiful appearance and seems to be almost wholly composed of countless millions of which were once beautiful little shells, but now have become petrified.

There is one thing sure the Alton officials are fulfilling their promises, as fast as practicable, made at a conference meeting between the citizens committee and the Leslie E. Keeley Co., and the road officers in Dwight last June. If the town authorities would fulfil the unanimous promises of the people made in Kepplinger's hall for city improvements about the same date, as well as the railroad company is doing there would be no chance for a kick. When the depot is finished we will have about \$200,000 worth of new buildings with no fire protection as yet. Railroads are generally very slow, but they have come in ahead this time, sure.

The 129th Boys.

The above is what they call each other, notwithstanding the fact that they are pretty old boys. Last Tuesday seventy-two old vets of that regiment and a hundred or more other ex-soldiers assembled together in Pontiac and held one of those grand old times that never will be forgotten. The regiment was one of four that served under the immediate command of "Old Pap" Ward, and afterwards under the command of G. n. Benjamin Harrison, now President. The commander of the regiment laterly was Col. Case, who has been dead a number of years and at this reunion there was none of the field officers present with the exception of regimental quartermaster, John McWilliams, of Odell. The old drum major, Mr. Wilson, was there and had his drum and played the "assembly" and "long roll" which caused the eyes of the "boys" to snap as of yore. Their old major, C. J. Judd, was on deck and enjoyed himself. The court house room was packed with people and as the music was being rendered and the old army songs sung once again the old patriots became enthused with the same love of country they did from '61 to '65, and the crowd present all became as one and cheered and sang until tired. A reunion of these old veterans, that did so much to make this country what it is to-day, is certainly a grand thing, and anyone who can sit in the midst of them and not feel his blood rush through his veins in unison with them is not fit to live in a free country.

Captain Harry McDowell was the chairman and master of ceremonies and introduced Mayor Alex. McKay, a thoroughly Dwight man, to extend a welcome to the 129th, which he did.

W. D. Fife, of Stockton, Cal., responded with a good speech.

The Norman quartette made everybody get up and sing every once in awhile and sometimes twice. One song they sang was wholly about beans in which everybody took a bean or two. They followed by singing "Marching Through Georgia" and it seemed that everybody in the house was enchanted.

After a good time in the afternoon the business meeting was held and during which it was decided to hold the next reunion at Winchester, Scott county, Ill., in which there were four companies of the regiment organized.

From Dwight among the old members were Major C. J. Judd, Manning Smith, Mr. Riggs and others. Among the veterans were J. C. Lewis, Col. J. B. Parsons, F. Ribordy, Col. Fox, and many others.

At the camp fire in the evening comrades

Judd, Fife and others made speeches that were highly appreciated, and a general good time was enjoyed. The large court room was literally packed with people and everything passed off pleasantly.

Withall this the third reunion was probably the most successful one ever held. A vote of thanks was tendered comrade Fife, Bradbury and others who came a long distance to be present.

Death of James Harrison.

The death of Mr. James Harrison, of Goodfarm, took place last Saturday at his home in that town, surrounded by the members of his family and friends. He had been sorely afflicted for the past seven years and everything had been done for his comfort that could be. The immediate severe sickness that was the cause of his death had only been of about a week's duration. Mr. Harrison was a gentleman highly respected by everyone who knew him and his sickness and death caused much sadness in the community in which he resided.

The funeral took place Monday afternoon at the residence, Rev. Conard preaching the sermon. The Dwight M. E. choir was present and rendered sweet but sad music, and many people from town and hundreds of the neighbors of the deceased took part in the last sad rites, and followed the remains to Oak Lawn cemetery.

Following is the obituary read by Rev. Conard at the deceased's home:

OBITUARY.

The subject of this notice, James Harrison, was born in Yorkshire, England, April 21st, 1820, and died in Goodfarm, Grundy county, Ill., Sept. 19th, 1891, aged 71 years, 4 months and 28 days.

When eleven years of age he with his parents came to America and settled in Oneida county, N. Y.

At the age of sixteen he was converted and soon afterwards joined the M. E. church of which he has since remained a faithful and worthy member, ever striving to live a devoted christian life, with a willing heart and open hand ever ready to contribute of his means for the support of the gospel, never refusing to help in any cause for the promotion of, and up-building of Christ's kingdom. Of a kind and affectionate disposition every ready to help his fellows by kind words and acts, choosing to bear affliction of any kind in silence rather than cause others anxiety or pain.

In the month of October 1851 he was united in marriage with Dianna R. Shaw, of Verona, N. Y., and soon after came to Lisbon, Ill. In the spring of 1859 he came to Goodfarm, Ill., where he spent the remaining years of his life endearing himself alike to all, by his acts of kindness and hospitality. To them were born three children, two daughters and one son, the eldest daughter died in infancy. An only son, E. P. Harrison, of Goodfarm, and daughter, Mrs. D. B. Stevens, Dwight, Ill., still live to comfort and console their bereaved mother, who for eight long weary years has watched over and bestowed every care upon her afflicted companion that was possible for human hands to render or human hearts devise. But he who hath promised to be a Father to the fatherless and the widow's God, has said, it is enough, come up higher, and we trust he is now enjoying that rest, which is promised to the faithful, at the right hand of the Father above.

McLane—Amelia Portz.

Miss Amelia Portz and Mr. Levi McLane were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Horr, on the Shelley farm, Wednesday, at 11 a. m., Rev. Elfrink, of Dwight, officiating. There was a large number of friends and relatives of the contracting parties present and the occasion was a very enjoyable one. A dinner was enjoyed immediately after the ceremony, the tables being about sixteen feet long and loaded down with good things. Mr. McLane is a brother of Henry McLane, who attended the wedding and guests were present from Essex, Kankakee and Grand Prairie. The happy couple will take up their residence on the McLane farm near Essex. We extend congratulations.

Elfrink—Slenker.

Miss Mary Elfrink, daughter of Rev. Elfrink, and Mr. B. F. Slenker, of El Paso, Ill., were married at high noon Wednesday by the bride's father at his residence. A large number of relatives from abroad were present and quite a number of intimate lady friends from Dwight, and after the ceremony a bountiful dinner was spread which was highly enjoyed by all.

The happy couple left on the afternoon train for Peoria where they will remain several days before repairing to the home of the groom on his farm near El Paso.

The presents were numerous and valuable. Their many friends wish them much joy and success in their married existence.

FRED LIGGITT.

ELMER FENN

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They guarantee PROMPT DELIVERY and SATISFACTION to all customers trading with them.

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