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## REAL ESTATE!

### Farm and City Property FOR SALE.

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

## RENFREW ADDITION.

### J. P. McWILLIAMS,

BANK OF DWIGHT.

DWIGHT, ILL.

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OF THE

## Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co.

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## The Bargain Store, SATURDAY ONLY.

We will sell (one to each person) a regular 25 cent Hemstitched Handkerchief for 10 cents. We have on hand an entire new stock of Handkerchiefs, Table Linen white and colored, Towels, Men's Furnishing Goods, Ladies and Children's Underwear; Hosiery all sizes and grades, Stationery to suit the most fastidious taste, fifty different kinds of tablets, Toys, Albums, Pocket Books, Jewelry, Confectionary, Fruits, Glassware, Tinware, Games, Brooms, Fancy Vases.

### School Supplies a Specialty.

We invite the public to examine our goods. We feel confident we can save you money. Come and let us convince you.

QUICK SALE AND SMALL PROFITS IS OUR MOTTO.

## THE BARGAIN STORE-

Call on the Old Reliable Store

-OF-

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

### HEADQUARTERS FOR

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...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.

### Brace Up.

The following is from the pen of one of our prominent citizens who thinks it high time that the animals should be stirred up:

"So far, everything which has been done with regard to the improvement of this village has been done literally at the point of the bayonet. We are no longer a dumping station for corn and oats and a side station for the shipping of hogs and cattle. Those days have gone by. It now behooves us as a people to recognize the fact that to all intents and purposes we are a city, but lack nearly every essential of one.

It is true we have electric lights, but they are few and far between. We need just double the number and not like the "little twinkling star," but a light that will guide the stranger within our gates to his "shot", if not to his cot. Our sidewalks are disgraceful. The dry summer and the dry men who travel over them have produced "dry rot." The nails in the planks stand out as a terror, not to evil doers, but to the worn out pedestrian who swears as he stubs his toes and wonders: "What kind of a town is this any way?" There are no thanks to anyone that our streets are so that we can travel upon them. The day is not far distant when they will be "so weak" that we will call aloud in vain for help out of the slough of despond which surrounds us. To all of this we hear you say: "What are you going to do about it?" We say, make Dwight not only in name a city, but legally so. Give us a board of men who are capable and alive to the wants and needs of the times. The day has gone by for inaction. The smoking ruins of the burnt district tell a tale of sorry and want of push, which it will take time to recover from, and it "all might have been otherwise."

### The Braceville Fire.

A terrific blaze broke out in the town of Braceville, in Martin Brophy's livery stable, about 6:15 Tuesday night, and in about three-quarters of an hour burned nine wooden store buildings and one three story brick in the course of construction. The wooden building were dry and in a similar condition to the ones burned in Dwight and went like tinder. Braceville has a large tank and a chemical engine, and volunteer fire company, and only for their noble efforts and the splendid work of the citizens, the entire business portion would have gone. Those present say they never saw men work better or harder.

Oscar Lewis, brother of Everett, of Dwight, is especially spoken of by the Braceville people as showing great nerve and endurance. He stood on top of a building near the fire handling a hose, and another playing on him to keep him from catching fire.

The losers by the fire are as follows: □ Mr. Legerquist, four buildings, one three-story brick in the course of construction. Loss \$15,000; no insurance. Martin Brophy, livery stable and contents, except horses and carriages. Loss \$25,000; no insurance.

Julian Vincent, blacksmith and carriage shop and building. Loss \$4,000; no insurance.

Geo. Gustafson, saloon. Loss \$1,000; insurance \$500.

Harrison Augustine, building. Loss \$2,000; no insurance.

Harry May, butcher shop. Loss \$500; no insurance.

Milwaukee Coal Co, building. Loss \$500; no insurance.

### Organize a Fire Department.

It is just the time now for our progressive young men to organize a fire department in Dwight. A meeting should be called for this purpose, and we are sure there would be plenty of volunteers. There are plenty of stalwart young men to make a fine company, and with a little practice they could enter tournaments. Let someone take the initiative in this matter and boom it. Supt. Moffatt, of the water works, informs us that they have a department in Clinton of forty-eight members, and that they have captured over \$700 in prizes of late years. The men are paid \$6 a year for their services. Organize boys.

### Intelligence Bureau.

Some enterprising lady or gentleman should open an intelligence bureau in Dwight. We understand there are quite a number of girls looking for places to work, and a large number of families are looking for help. Also all kinds of mechanics are wanted by contractors. Some place should be established where these miscellaneous wants can be made known from one to another. To start the ball rolling, we will register all names and addresses of people wanting work of any kind, and those wishing help. We will do this free of charge until some enterprising person goes into the business.

### A Correction.

The article taken from the Elmira, N. Y. Telegram, published in last week's issue of the STAR AND HERALD, infers that the deceased, Enoch Morris, of Round Grove, committed suicide. Such is not the case. He had been out hunting and after shooting off one barrel, blew in the other one, it going off at the same time. The other boy spoken of lost his life during the war, having been a brave soldier. He laid down his life for his country at the battle of Peach Tree Creek. We supposed the gentleman writing the article referred to had obtained his information from a reliable source, otherwise we should not have published it. The misrepresentation on our part was, we think our readers will understand, wholly unintentional, and we are glad to make the correction.

### Hose Cart and Hose.

Our city council should purchase the necessary fire apparatus needed for the water works immediately, and use every endeavor to have a fire company organized and drilled. The water works are in a fair way of being utilized by December 1, but what good will they be without hose and hose carts and someone to handle them successfully? If the necessary articles were ordered immediately they would not be ready for use any too soon. Keep moving to the front, gentlemen. It is a public demand.

### Decorate.

Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, our world renowned townsman, will arrive in Dwight some day next week. Why would it not be an excellent plan to put on our holiday attire in honor of the event? Get out your flags and decorations and do honor to the man that has made the little city of Dwight famous the world over.

### Seven Years for Fursman.

W. H. Fursman, the notorious Pontiac forger, through his attorneys, plead guilty to the first count on his indictments and was sentenced by Judge Tipton to seven years in the Joliet penitentiary. The remaining counts were stricken from the docket with the privilege of re-entering. We understand Fursman was taken to Joliet to-day.

### Changes in Our Schools.

The resignations of teachers in our public schools recently has caused quite a number of changes. Mr. Richtel, and Miss Erminie Ahorn having retired. Mrs. Fisk has been engaged to teach one department, and a young lady from DeKalb another.

### Base Ball.

The game of base ball Tuesday afternoon between the Dwight club and the Bi-Chloride of Gold club was well attended, and resulted in the defeat of the latter by a score of 12 to 3. There was lots of fun in the game, and the crowd enjoyed themselves.

### Bi-Chloride in Chicago.

We are in receipt of another interesting letter from Carroll Ross, formerly a popular club man and leader in amusements while here. He tells what the Chicago club is doing in an interesting manner:

FRIENDS ZIMMERMAN & DUSTIN—The Bi-Chloride of Gold club (Chicago) met last night, Oct. 26. Some discussion was indulged in whether or not to procure more accessible and pleasantly furnished quarters. Nothing definite was settled upon, it being the opinion of the majority present that all money possible should be spent in sending new recruits to the Keeley Institute at Dwight; and inasmuch as the club is considerably in debt now, the proposition to incur any more expense in the way of helping the boys to Dwight was tabled for the present.

The neat little sum of \$1,200 was then raised by subscription among the members themselves, to be applied (seventy or eighty being present) toward liquidating the indebtedness of the club to the Leslie E. Keeley Co.

Mr. Burns, the last president of the old club (Dwight) was present on his way to Omaha. He made himself a member, as he said, wishing to become identified with the workings of the Chicago club. He made a few remarks, told a funny story of a constitutionally thirsty Irishman, and then subscribed an amount, three figures in value, waived a pleasant adieu to the boys and skipped to catch the Rock Island to Omaha.

The entire club was cordially invited by Colonel Wood to meet at his house, 438 Michigan avenue, Friday, Oct. 30, to surprise his brother by a regular old fashioned surprise party. Most of the members will be present.

Then everybody said to everybody "see you to-morrow night," and went home. "To-morrow night" meant the

public meeting of the club at Kimball hall, at which the Revs. Brobst and Frank Bristol. Both made ringing speeches in behalf of the cure, the especial object being to raise subscriptions from the public. A fairly large house was present, and some \$1,300 more was raised, so you see the boys up this way are hustling, and will keep at it.

A regular meeting of the club will be held two weeks from Oct. 26.

The fact was brought out that out of over 400 Chicagoans graduated from the Institute only four or five are known to have backslid. Pretty good showing that. Yours truly,

CARROLL ROSS.

### County Uniformity of Text Books.

Since some people do not seem to understand the ends and aims of county uniformity of text books, I will endeavor to set forth in as few words as possible the three strong reasons why every friend of education, and particularly every friend of the district school, should lend every effort to bring about the desired condition.

First: It will reduce the number of daily recitations, thereby making graduation more perfect.

Second: It will lighten the expense of the tenant farmer, giving the teacher more time to each class, and enabling far better work to be done.

Third: It will enable the people of this county to obtain books at a much lower rate than they do now. Indeed it will enable them to procure them at twenty per cent less than they have ever done.

It seems to me that these three reasons should appeal so strongly to every one, that argument to prove their truth and force should be unnecessary.

The school laws provide that the directors must make and keep the books uniform in their respective districts. The law is just and must be enforced. That it would be much easier to keep them uniform if the whole county acted in unison, goes without question. That where changes must be made, that the law must be complied with, said change may be more advantageously made by the county action than by independent action, is also a fact known to all.

The directors, at their convention, Sept. 15, chose a text book committee which will meet at the court house at Pontiac, Nov. 13, to choose an authorized list of books, and school apparatus for use in this county, and arrange terms of contract for submission to the various boards of directors for formal adoption.

At this writing, fifteen townships have voted unanimously for uniform books and I have every reason to believe that the remaining fifteen will do likewise.

This interest in the welfare of our schools is commendable indeed, and cannot fail to make the work of the teachers and superintendent very effective for good.

In securing uniform books, there will be no possible danger of monopoly, for the terms of the contract will bind the publishers to furnish books to us, at a rate no higher than the one specified, and always as low as to their most favored customer.

The books may be bought by individuals, as is now done, or under the law; they may be bought by directors, paid for out of district funds, and loaned to the children for use, still remaining the property of the district.

Since the state fund is apportioned to each district on the basis of the number of children of school age resident there, and the apportionment to each child is enough to pay the exchange price on books for each; it cannot be said that the tax-payers are being burdened when the district assumes control of the text book matter and does the buying. HENRY A. FOSTER, Co. Supt. Schools.

Ketcham & Smith's Sales, Etc. We have a business corner for \$3,500 which is a snap. Call and investigate.

We have three or four rare chances in Dwight property.

182 acres that must be sold soon at \$50 per acre.

The following property was sold by Ketcham & Smith:

Mrs. Courll to Mrs. Michaels, her home in the southeast part of town for \$1,500.

5 lots on Delaware street for \$800.

2 lots to Jesse Dittenbaugh in Renfrew addition for \$600.

2 lots to Dan Chariton in Renfrew addition \$600.

Thos Perry's property corner Franklin and Mazon to C. M. Baker for \$2,500.

1 lot on Mazon avenue for \$900.

### Milch Cows.

The undersigned wishes to purchase forty good milch cows immediately.

GEO. TAYLOR.

### Real Estate For Sale and Sold.

In addition to his large list on the fourth page Chas. L. Romberger has the following real estate and other property for sale:

Block of 18 lots in southwest part of city; only \$3,500. Good chance for speculation.

1 lot on West Seminoles, fine location for building, only \$500.

Block of 14 lots in southeast part of city, only \$2,100.

Fine building lots in south part of city from \$175 to \$200.

One lot on East Mazon avenue only \$450.

One story house, one lot, on West Mazon avenue, only \$1,600.

House and one lot 56x225 near business center, only \$1,300.

One lot 70x183 ft on West Delaware. Cheap, \$350.

Fine building lot 110x190 ft. on West Mazon only \$900.

Modern dwelling, two blocks from business center. One of the finest homes in the city, only \$5,500.

80 acre farm 1-2 miles southeast of Campus, only \$55 per acre.

135 acres 2-1/2 miles west of Dwight, well watered and tilled, \$70 per acre.

Shedden tile factory and eight acres of fine clay ground. Good paying property; call and investigate.

Good paying drug business and building in Campus, only \$1,500.

160 acres tilled farm 9 miles southeast of Dwight, only \$60 per acre.

The following property was sold by Chas. L. Romberger:

A. Brubaker house and two lots to J. R. Oughton for \$3,000.

Janick Erenowlsen seven lots to J. R. McKay, of Joliet, Ill., for \$1,200.

Eliz. Jeffries house and four lots to John Vickery for \$1,000.

F. M. Traverses one lot on Mazon Ave., to Eliza Jeffries for \$50.

Chris Jacobsen house and one lot to J. R. McKay, of Joliet, Ill., for \$400.

Mrs. A. M. Louden eouse and two lots to The Leslie E. Keeley Co., for \$2,000.

Anton J. Dieffenbach two lots on West Delaware to J. R. Oughton for \$400.

Robt. Wilmott house and lot to Chas. L. Romberger for \$1,300.

Geo. S. Baker house and 2 lots to The Leslie E. Keeley Co., for \$2,100.

A. C. Anderson house and two lots to F. J. Vickery for \$1,200.

### Reddick.

Corn husking has commenced in earnest in this section of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Ung visited the city on Tuesday last. W. J. returned alone, leaving his wife to spend a week with friends.

Mr. Mike Smith spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. Ambrose.

M. F. Rielly & Co. have put in a new grinder in their mill for grinding corn. They also have a bolter for bolting meal, so bring on your grists.

A very pretty wedding was consummated at the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Mulford, on the evening of October 21, in which O. J. Mulford, of Round Grove, and Alice Carthy, of Dwight, were united in the holy bond of wedlock. The old homestead was the scene of a merry gathering of relatives and friends, who had gathered to do honor to the event and who passed the evening until the wee sma' hours in dancing. May their journey through life be a long and pleasant one, and their pathway ever strewn with roses. The presents were as follows:

Paper rack, Mr. and Mrs. P. Jenkins; water pitcher, Mrs. M. Guest; cake dish, Tom Guest; fruit dish, Mrs. Debois; paper rack, Mrs. Brosey; linen table cloth, Mr. and Mrs. Deo; parlor carpet, six curtains with poles and rings, Mr. and Mrs. Mulford; sofa cushion, Ella Deo; water pitcher and glasses, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jenkins; one year's subscription to the Housekeeper, Mrs. Chas. Grant; paper rack, John Smith; silver castor and box cigars, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Riley; set flat irons, Mr. and Mrs. T. Chapple; pair linen towels, Mr. and Mrs. Hurlbert; celery dish, Clara Weis; lamp, Mary Smith; lamp, Mr. and Mrs. W. Chapple; lamp, C. and A. Ambrose; glass set, Maggie Ambrose; six soup bowls and two salts, Mr. and E. Johnson; paper holder, Julia O'Malley; pickle dish, Mary Carthy; set knives and forks, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ung; one pair linen towels, Mrs. J. McNul; one pair vases, Miss Nellie Rielly; lamp, Semma and Biron Ambrose; parlor lamp, Mr. and Mrs. L. Clover; pair vases, James Rielly; brush broom holder, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kain; silver tea spoons, Hattie Guest and Nannie Carthy; silver knives and forks, M. H. Carthy; half dozen linen napkins, Eunice Eldred; bedspread, Phoebe Eldred; one cake stand, Geo. Kinney and lady; one cake stand, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith.