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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL, IS OUR WISH.

Dwight is Prosperous and our People Consequently Thrifty.

We Take Pleasure in Mentioning Several of Our Business Men in this Article.

Once more the DWIGHT STAR AND HERALD takes pleasure in wishing its thousands of patrons and friends a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. The past year has been a very prosperous one for our people, and Dwight's progress in 1892 is sure to eclipse anything ever heard of in this country. The past predictions of the STAR AND HERALD have come true in nearly every instance. When we said last spring that Dwight would need accommodations for 1000 strangers by Jan. 1, 1892, we were held up to ridicule. How is it to-day? If the proper improvements in course of construction for the health and comfort of our citizens and visitors from the world over were completed, accommodations would be needed for at least 1500 patients taking treatment at the Keeley Institute. We all know this and thank God most of our people are beginning to appreciate the fact. Other prominent men and institutions have also added their mite to the wonderful prosperity and the name of our little city is known the world over. Let any man enter a public place on any continent to-day and say "I came from Dwight" he would be surrounded with questioners in no time. With these facts staring us in the face let us all do what we can to defend and maintain our fair name during the coming year.

Following will be found some mention of our prosperous business men, for which we are indebted to Mr. Lecky, of Chicago, the publisher of the first Dwight Directory:

The Leslie E. Keeley Co., Chloride of Gold Cure. The Original and Genuine Treatment.

Dr. Keeley whose name is now before the world so prominently and whose philanthropic nature has for years worked for the benefit of those suffering from Morphine, Opium and Dipsomania (or Whiskey Habit), has struck the key note when he says: "Gentlemen, this must be treated as a disease." Looking on it in this light and in a physical point of view, gives the unfortunate who is a slave to it a ray of sunshine to escape from this demon that has enslaved them so many years. "Twenty years have I worked and worried to get rid of this, as is were, Octopus whose long arms and powerful grip kept me to the grindstone wearing my life away and making me useless to society and mankind in general, it seemed as if I was going to fill a drunkard's grave. Having tried all the various methods of cure such as retreats, hospitals, home cures, or in reality, sobering up processes, seven times in a retreat in Chicago, where moral suasion and moral effects are tried, and where they restrict the unfortunate from the stimulant that has been the means of bringing about this disease. "Similia, Similibus, Curantur" is the motto of the Homeopaths, and the Irish motto is "The hair of the dog that bit you" however both cover the same issue. This is nature. Dr. Keeley has got down to the practice of his cure, he says come here and I will remove this terrible desire from your system, and he does, as I my-

self can testify, he also says which is the main point with the patient himself after going through this treatment, "I do not paralyze your hand or arm, I give you renewed will power by the aid of heroic treatment and if you wish to go back to your old ways and form a new habit for this cursed stuff, it remains entirely with yourself." In this point I can say that since I took Dr. Keeley's treatment I have not the slightest wish for whiskey nor am I afraid to face the world as I used to be, before taking Dr. Keeley's remedies. I have been a drinking man for over 35 years and I was a hard drinker. When I state, that from 25 to 30 drinks a day did not always satisfy me you can imagine the amount of this poisonous stuff I used each year. I was also addicted to Absinthe and I may say here very fond of it; this I found a very severe and dangerous drink as it sometimes completely ruined my memory and partially paralyzed my limbs, not as whisky does but a dead feeling in them. I had no trouble with the treatment, I found it powerful as I am a strong man physically and constitutionally and having given this so many tests before without any good results I now feel as it were a miracle that has been wrought in my case. For the benefit of those who have not been here, but certainly should come, if they have formed these habits of Morphine, Opium or Whisky, I would say that the sooner you come here and get relieved the sooner you will be clear of it and go home to your families, make them happy and be happy and content yourself for the balance of your natural life.

In regard to the treatment we will give a synopsis of it. On arriving at Dwight the first thing is to get a good boarding house or hotel as the case may be. You will then be initiated at the Institute where you receive your first treatment, a hypodermic injection, you are then handed a bottle of medicine which you will take a teaspoonful of every two hours regularly, every day during your waking hours. The hours for treatment during the day are 8 a. m., 12 m., 5 and 7:30 p. m., and on Sunday same hours except 8:30 instead of 8; taking warm baths twice a week is also a necessary operation to keep healthy, and remove all obstructions from the pores of the skin. A three weeks term of this treatment will in most cases have the desired effect, although I would advise four weeks, as I took this term myself and felt that the fourth week gave the finishing touches to the treatment and gave you a chance while here to test yourself.

The new Keeley Institute which has just been finished is a very elegant piece of architecture. It is built of pressed brick and stone foundation; the principal entrance is composed of three arches, stone and marble, very handsome and bold. The hall is tiled and the stairways heavy oak with clusters of electric lights at foot and at top of stairways which run right and left, also handsome illuminated windows. The principle hall and offices are a marvel of beauty, all furniture is in polished oak antique, the fire place handsomely tiled and the offices got up in a style that rivals any in the United States. The Laboratory and rooms, private offices, etc., are all connected with the main office with electric bells and speaking tubes. The building cost in the neighborhood of \$80,000 and will remain a handsome monument to Dr. Keeley and a credit to Dwight. Dr. Keeley attends personally to all special points in the business and is ably seconded by Mr. J. R. Oughton, who is the chemist in the Institute and assuredly deserves mention for his care as a chemist of the manufacturing department, and as a gentleman who thoroughly understands human nature. He is a great favorite with the patients. Mr. C. J. Judd, who is treasurer and Secretary, has a very onerous position, handling all the financial affairs of Company. This gentleman is highly esteemed in the community and well qualified for his duty. In the Institute there are 12 to 14 physicians all well fitted for their duties, which are long and arduous, also 20 lady stenographers who are kept busy all day and very often working until late at night.

There are altogether over 70 employees connected with this Institute. In regard to state agencies of The Keeley Institute there are at present thirty, throughout the United States. The Village of Dwight has received a great benefit from Dr. Keeley's Bi-Chloride of Gold Cure, where a little insignificant town stood with a few frame structure now stands a handsome city and hundreds of buildings going up on all sides. The Bi-Chloride of Gold Club of the World has a fine club room, occupying the Presbyterian church property, and is a great help and pastime for the patients taking the Gold Cure treatment.

Livingston Hotel. O. B. Stanton, Manager, Dwight, Illinois.

This fine Hotel was opened for business in June of the present year. It was put up for the comfort and accommodation of Dr. Keeley's patients who have come here for treatment of opium, morphine, dipsomania and tobacco habit. The architect that was trusted with the drawings and plans of this building was Mr. Barnes of Joliet. The building is put up of pressed brick and stone having 87 guest rooms fitted up specially for this business. It is heated by steam and has 125 electric lights all through the house, electric bells and all modern fittings in this line; laundry is also made a special feature, and fitted with the latest and most economical machinery. The dining room is very handsome and commodious, is 25x60 feet and fitted up to accommodate a large number of guests. Mr. O. B. Stanton is manager of the house and to his credit be it said, has given general satisfaction to his guests. The chief de cuisine is a perfect artist in his line and has everything on the tables to suit the tastes of the most fastidious. The help he has to use consists of the best men in this line that can be procured. The office is very well fitted up and convenient for the carrying on of this large business. The clerks are always on the qui-vive to see that the guests get every attention necessary. The house has 60 employees who are at all times courteous and prompt to carry out all orders given them. This building has all modern improvements. The guests rooms are well lighted and heated and the ventilating has been well looked after. It was put up on the ground that Dr. Keeley had his offices and spent many an anxious hour studying out the problem which he has now completed and benefitting mankind by. Any patients wishing accommodations here would do well by engaging rooms before coming to Dwight.

Bank of Dwight, Established 1855.

It is with great pleasure that we have the chance to bring forward the banking interests in Dwight. For a town of its size there is not one in the northwest that can show so strong a hand financially for monied men. This, in all cases, shows the prosperity of any town; it also points directly to the liberal policy of the banking interests, not that the purse strings of the institutions are always open, but that there is a business stand taken to advance the interests of the town. The Bank of Dwight was established in 1855 by Mr. David McWilliams, who hailed from Pike county, Illinois. He was born in Ohio and came to Illinois when he was very young. His business ability showed itself and when he came to Dwight in 1854 he saw a future for the town, there being a good farming interest wanting an outgrowth. He purchased lots and made arrangements for building in order to have a foothold before permanently settling here, which he did the following year. He built and opened the first regular store in 1855 and to use the old adage: "Great oaks from little acorns grow," so this business started in a small way and prospered, until the Bank of Dwight was started by Mr. McWilliams, which now stands as a monument of business ability and extreme usefulness in Dwight. The business people of the town and the farming element have in Mr. McWilliams a philanthropic business man, looking to their interests and the future prosperity of the town. Mr. Mc-

Williams has donated to the public benefit thirty acres of ground convenient to the best residence property of the village for a public park, which enhances the value of all the property surrounding and near to it. Mr. McWilliams is ably assisted by Mr. Naffziger, the cashier, who is a financier of no mean ability and is very popular with the patrons of the bank. The business of the bank is increasing yearly and every possible benefit and advice that can advance the interests of its patrons is given by the officers of the bank. The foreign exchange business of this bank has increased at a rapid pace since introducing this branch. The sale of tickets to Europe is also an important feature, as the people of the surrounding country are taking advantage of purchasing tickets here as they get more reasonable terms. The companies that are represented are some of the oldest and strongest ocean steamship companies crossing the Atlantic.

John Geis, Cigar Manufacturer.

The Manufacturing of Cigars in Dwight is controlled by Mr. Geis. This gentleman was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1867. He commenced business in Dwight in 1875, he is a practical and fine cigar maker himself and started his business, he being the only workman in the shop, business prospered with him as he manufactured a fine cigar, and kept nothing but the best goods to be had in the market. In the department for smokers articles he carries a fine selection of pipes, and 40 different brands of smoking tobacco. In cigars he has several standard brands among them we find "The Alphonso" a very fine flavored and choice cigar for connoisseurs, is very popular among the smokers of good cigars. The "Pearl of Cuba," "Porto Rico," and "Leader" are also a fine cigar and sought after by those who do not require an expensive cigar. Mr. Geis is a good business financier; he looks to the great point, good goods and fair prices and by this means he has built up what is termed a good trade. The store he does his business in is a neat building situated in a good location and very well appointed in every respect, this is his own property. Mr. Geis is a steady worker and very popular with his patrons, he also stands high among the business men in Dwight, he is a Knight of Pythias and a good worker in his lodge. The outlook for the coming year is very favorable and Mr. Geis will not let any chance slip to increase his business and make it second to none.

Baker Bros., Grocers.

The most essential of the business started in any city, town or village, is that of the grocer, they feel that it is so themselves, so they go ahead. The firm whose name heads this article was established from the old firm of I. H. Baker & Son, who started in business in 1878, and with the trade the former firm had made, have built up a good substantial business with the best class of patrons in Dwight, the members of the firm consist of Geo. S. Baker and J. W. Baker and thorough workers you will find them, at work at all hours striving to please their customers and getting their goods delivered promptly. They keep a wagon constantly on the go, and also deliver special orders by hand. Mr. G. S. Baker was born in Madison, Indiana, and the other member of the firm was born in this, now, well known town of Dwight. They carry a large and carefully selected stock of staple and fancy groceries, consisting of teas, coffees, butter, flour, canned goods of all kinds purchased from the best and most reliable wholesale houses in this line. They carry a large stock of fruits, apples, pears, peaches, etc., in their season also domestic and foreign grapes. They are both painstaking and no matter what your order is whether it is for 5c or \$5 you get just the same attention.

The business they followed so long and so faithfully attended has given them a just and good remuneration for their labor. They own their private residences and value them at good figures as property has increased since they

purchased the property. Both gentlemen are well known in the community, and as good reliable business men are highly respected among the class with whom they do business. Mention might be made in regard to butter, vegetables, eggs, etc., they have a happy facility of keeping the best and freshest to be procured in the country as they are closely connected with some of the most practical farmers in this vicinity. All housekeepers look out for these articles and want the best; give them a call and you will find it to your advantage. They carry in stock a fine line of cigars and tobacco of every brand that is popular among smokers.

B. A. Buck, Hardware and Stoves, Agricultural Implements.

This business that is now built up and prospering was started by Mr. O. W. Pollard & Co. Mr. B. A. Buck took possession of it in 1882. This gentleman came from Dawson, Ill., in 1878, and being of an ambitious and enterprising turn of mind went into business in the year above stated. He was born in Baltimore county, Maryland, was raised on a farm and followed that pursuit until 1874 when he entered commercial life. Mr. Buck now has the largest and best equipped store in the town, his practical knowledge of the business gives him plenty of scope to develop it, and he is constantly increasing his business as he sees a necessity for it among his patrons. He first started in the hardware business, adding stoves and agricultural implements. As time wore on he was also forced to keep stove repairs which seemed necessary, and he now does a large business in this line. In paints, of which he keeps a large supply of the best manufacture, he found there was a constant demand and the demand is increasing, and a fine line can be found in residence, barn or carriage paints. Tinware and repairs also form a part of this business of no inconsiderable figure. A stock of tinware comprising all the household utensils necessary for family use kept on hand, cutlery of the best grade and manufacture are to be found here and in great variety. Carvers, table knives and forks, spoons pocket knives, scissors and razors of the best manufacture and at reasonable prices. In the store department the stock is large and from the best known manufacturers, and for those building he can highly recommend the steam and hot air heaters. Steam fittings and plumbing in all its branches also form a considerable branch of the business. Mr. Buck makes his purchases from the most desirable and well known manufacturers, and as he purchases in large quantities can give his patrons a close figure on any of the goods he keeps in stock, in any branch required. The store and warehouse he carries on his business in is 67x80 feet, well appointed and convenient for carrying on his extensive business. Next to his store he has a large warehouse; in this he stores all his agricultural implements, carriages, buggies and goods that he can fall back on when a vacancy occurs for them in his salesroom. Mr. Buck has made a success of his business, and has gained the good wishes of his patrons. He owns his own residence which is a fine house and stands in the best part of the town. He stands high in business circles, also in the social community.

S. E. Houston, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance.

The gentleman whose name appears above holds the special agency for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Milwaukee, Wis., whose policies there is no safer investment and none so safe that bears as high a rate of interest. A company which excels in the three vital points of life insurance: high rate of interest earned, low death rate and economy in management, thus securing to its policy holders the greatest strength, the soundest security, the cheapest investment and the most profitable investment. Over \$62,000,000 of new business was written last year more than double that of any other purely American company. All forms of straight life, limited

payment life and endowments are issued and any of the forms of policies may be outlined or semi-outlined at the pleasure of the applicant.

Mr. Houston was born at Plattsburg, New York, and has been in the insurance business about a year. He is a young man of education, having graduated from the Dwight high school in the class of '86, afterwards being for four years principal of the east side schools. Being thoroughly versed in the science upon which all sound life insurance is based it is only a question of a short time before he will be the leading exponent of his business in this part of the state. When not at work in other parts of the territory he will be found in his office, No. 3 East street where he will be glad to meet all who are interested in life insurance.

F. A. Fox, Contractor and Builder.

All those interested in the building interests at the present time in Dwight are on the hustle. Mr. F. A. Fox, the gentleman whose name heads this article is among the hustlers, he came to Dwight this year under very favorable auspices from Joliet, he served his apprenticeship under Mr. J. W. Walker in that town and being (as it were) cut out for the building, draughting and planing business, came to Dwight to further his interests. He has had a good run of business from the start, he planned the house recently built by Doctor Palm, in the Renfrew addition and built it, and a very creditable and pretty job it has turned out, so all who have seen it have judged; he has also planned and built several others among whom we might mention Mr. John Miller's, Mr. H. Fox's, Mr. W. H. Ketcham's, Mrs. Reed's, Mr. Freeman Spencer's, Dan Morris' houses, etc.

All the buildings he has put up have given good satisfaction to the owners, as they are neat, comfortably arranged, and safe buildings, and stand as a credit to his judgement, good taste and skill. Mr. Fox is a good draughtsman and his thorough knowledge of this business gives him a good send off. He has sold several plans of buildings to parties who had procured the services of other contractors or builders, and his judicious and economical use of space has won him laurels. Parties contemplating building would do well to see the houses put up on the Renfrew addition and surrounding neighborhood. In taking a contract to put up building he binds himself closely so that his patrons thoroughly understand the class of building they will get, good workmanship, good stock, and in all cases up to the standard of the work called for. He is very careful about his ventilating as he considers this point to be one of vast importance to the tenants, he is a hard worker and does not allow any time to pass without accomplishing some good.

Since making Dwight his home he has made many friends for his manly bearing and truthful statements to his patrons, and his business like way of carrying out all buildings entrusted to his care. His office is, for the time being, with Ketcham & Smith No. 3 East street, and those requiring advice in regard to building interests should give him a call.

Harry Lawrence, Bi-Chloride of Gold Restaurant.

The whistle gave a long toot, the conductor came along, took up our checks and the brakeman followed with "next station Dwight" "Dwight" and the train stopped at this now world-wide known depot of Dwight. It was 7:45 p. m. and I found I had come down on the train that brings patients to Dwight. A pleasant voice said to me: "You had better come over to the institute and get 'shot.'" The voice was that of Harry Lawrence, a well known host at Dwight, who keeps a comfortable home for the many patients who come to this Mecca. Harry Lawrence was born in Brooklyn, New York, and has resided in a good many towns in Missouri, such as Glasgow, Marshall, Slater, etc., and has left many kind friends and acquaintances who he now looks after and brings them to Dwight when he gets a chance. Harry Lawrence has friends in this town by the hundreds and he deserves them. His house is well appointed in every

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