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## Real Estate

### Farm and Village Property

### FOR SALE

### Money Loaned on Real Estate.

J. P. McWILLIAMS,

BANK OF DWIGHT.

DWIGHT, ILL.

## Special Announcement

### TO CASH BUYERS.

I have made arrangements with a number of the leading

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AND

## BEDDING FACTORIES

by which I can furnish my trade anything in my line

at very low prices, quality of goods considered. I now show the largest and finest assortment of

### House Furnishing Goods

ever placed on sale in Dwight. I also have the agency for the popular

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FOLDING BATH TUB,

The Best and Finest Thing in the Market.



## Baker's Furniture Store.

J. S. CONWAY, M. D.

DWIGHT, ILLINOIS.

### HOLMAN & CROWLEY,

## Contractors and Builders,

DWIGHT, ILLINOIS.

P. O. Box 130.

No. 25 Mazon Ave.

### BOLD ROBBERY.

An Express Package Containing \$3,000 Missing From the U. S. Express Office in Dwight.

Wednesday a few minutes after the noon train from Chicago arrived, the United States express company was robbed of a package containing \$3,000 from their office in Dwight. The package was from Harvey & Co., the grain dealers in Chicago, and consigned to Mr. Cahill, of Budd, the agent of the firm at that place. When the train arrived Agent Brubaker received the packages and wheeled them to the office and took the sack containing the valuable packages to his desk and laid them out, as is his custom, to check them off. While doing so two men who had been in the office several times, came in and asked for packages. One of them stood by the stove and the other in front of the desk. Mr. Brubaker went to look for the package for the man in front who followed him and got between him and the other man. While in this position it is supposed the man at the stove reached around the wire railing and quickly took the package, slipped it in his pocket and the two left together. The agent went back to check off the packages but it was about ten minutes before the loss was discovered. Mr. Brubaker at once took measures to discover the whereabouts of the robbers, but they were not to be found. The thieves were well dressed and presented a very respectable appearance, and Mr. Brubaker naturally thought they were two of the many strangers in the city. The same men had been in town two or three days and had called for packages before.

It was discovered later in the day that a rig was hired by two strangers shortly after that time from the livery stable of Real & McConnell, the whereabouts of which was not known. The rig was afterwards found at Reddick. The general belief is, that the thieves drove to Reddick and caught the afternoon train to Chicago on the Wabash. Mr. Brubaker immediately notified the officials of the company in Chicago and detectives were sent here immediately and are working on the case. The thieves are certainly experts and very daring, and had they been discovered in the act Agent Brubaker would have undoubtedly been knocked senseless if not murdered.

Mr. Brubaker naturally feels very badly about the unfortunate occurrence and will do all in his power to bring the robbers to justice.

Agent Brubaker has been agent for the United States express company in Dwight for over twenty-six years and has been a faithful and pains-taking employe. He is one of our prominent and influential citizens and no man in Dwight is more highly respected. The loss will certainly fall on the express company, as Mr. Brubaker took all the precaution that any man would under the circumstances, and has done all in his power to discover the thieves.

The thieves, like all others who would undertake such a daring robbery, are undoubtedly well-known in Chicago, and as descriptions of them have been sent to the police and detectives, it is very probable that arrests will soon be made.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN.

By Prof. Foster.

In order to call the attention of the people to the kind of reading many of our young people are doing now, and its terrible influence on their minds and characters, I venture to quote the following from good authority, hoping it will arouse parents and school officers to a sense of their duty in this matter:

It is certain that a great amount of the literary trash of which I have been speaking is consumed by the boys and girls of our city. Bates of it are sold at the news stands and it is often confiscated by the teachers in our public schools. Quite a bundle of it has come into my hands from the latter source, and a precious parcel it is, to be sure. Let me repeat a few of the titles of these books: Sunflower Sam of Shastai, or Deadwood Sr.'s Full Hand; A Tale of You Bet; The Double Daggers, or Deadwood Dick's Defiance; Deadwood Dick's Double, the Ghost of Gordon's Gulch; Captain Crackshot, the Girl Brigand, or Jipsej Jack from Jimtown; Bonanza Bill, Miner, or Madam Mystery the French Forger; The Boy Runaway, or the Buccaneer of the Bay; The Boy Bedouins, or The Brothers of the Plumed Lance; The Black Band of New York; Bob, the Boy Detective, or the Mystery of the Missing Head; such are the appetizing titles of this class of

stories. I ask you to imagine the mental condition of a child to whom such titles are attractive; and then I ask you to consider that these books are produced by the thousand, and exposed for sale in uncounted numbers upon the news stands of all our cities. One publisher gives on the fly-leaf of one of his publications the titles of 349 different works of this kind which he publishes; another advertises 590 such books, and these are only two of the many publishers of such literature.

I have said that you can imagine the effects of such reading on the minds and characters of our boys and girls. But I can give you something much more impressive and vivid than my imagination of yours, some careful descriptions of cases in schools: "A B reads trashy novels, Police Gazette and nothing else. His mark in algebra was 15 per cent, and in German 17 per cent in a recent examination. He talks familiarly about "cops" and getting "boozy." His idea of life is shows, rinks and the amusement of evading "cops." He smokes, chews, plays cards and shirks all kinds of work.

I, J. A. girl, 15 years old, reads such books. She went up to Clentany on a lark the Fourth of July last and insisted on amusing people by shooting off a pistol and evading the policeman who naturally tried to stop her pranks. She boasts of this adventure and similar one. She exchanges reading matter with the boys."

It is the duty of every parent, if they would have their boys and girls obtain the best and most useful education, to supply them with good pure books. It is the duty of school boards to supply their schools with a good library, one calculated to stimulate interest in the pupils' studies. The law provides a way in which they may do this, for paragraph 7, section 27 of article 5, says that directors may appropriate from the school funds any money that may be left after paying the necessary expenses, and apply it to the purchase of a library.

I have selected the following as books of the very best character, and would suggest that each parent become possessed of as many of them as possible, and that each district appropriate the sum of fifteen dollars for the purchase of the entire set: Wiltse's Stories for Kindergarten and Primary Schools, Hans Anderson's Fairy Tales, Ruskin's King of the Golden River, Aesop's Fables, Those Dreadful Mouse Boys, Hale's Little Flower People, Twilight Thoughts, Kingsley's Water Babies, Robinson Crusoe, Mocr's Pilgrims and Puritans, Swiss Family Robinson, Hans Anderson's Fairy Tales No. 2, Kingsley's Greek Heroes, Martineau's The Peasant and the Prince, Irving's Sketchbook, Gulliver's Travels, Stories of the Old World, Lamb's Tales From Shakespeare, Adventures of Ulysses, Merchant of Venice, Johnson's Rasselas, Plutarch's Lives, Vicar of Wakefield, Franklin, His Life by Himself, Washington and His Country, Selections from Ruskin, Arabian Nights, Scott's Tales of a Grandfather, Lay of the Last Minstrel, Lady of the Lake, Taisman, Quenten Durward, Guy Mannerling, Ivanhoe, Rob Roy, Tom Brown at Rugby, The Two Great Retreats.

I am still examining books with a view to recommending those for a more extensive library next week. All the above books with others are on exhibition at the office, and any information regarding them will be cheerfully given upon application either in person or by letter. Those who have seen the books are unanimous in their praise.

### Death of Edward Young.

Much to the sorrow and surprise of many who had seen Mr. Young in his office collecting taxes only a few days before, his death was announced Sunday morning, he having passed away Saturday night. He was only sick about ten days with a complication of ailments known as la grippe, and received the kindest attention and the best medical aid, but his old age, he being 73 years old, and consequent feeble condition could not withstand the dread disease. Mr. Young had been a resident of Dwight for many years and was highly respected. Two years ago he was elected collector, and re-elected for the present year, and had only just commenced the collection of taxes at the time he was taken sick. The funeral was held at the residence Monday, Rev. Conard preaching a short sermon. The remains were laid away in the McDowell cemetery beside those of a little son who died many years ago. The sorrowing wife, three daughters, two sons and other sorrowing relatives have the sympathy of the whole community.

Chicago gets the Democratic national convention. It will be held June 21st in the Auditorium building.

### THE TRUSTEES.

Dr. Milton R. Keeley Chosen Chief Fire Marshal.

Including the President there were six members of the town board present Tuesday night at an adjourned meeting.

J. B. Clow & Co.'s bill for full amount was allowed.

Mr. Tschirgi, Jr., presented a petition to the board for the superintendency of the construction of the sewerage system, he to furnish all engineering and everything except the material and workmen for one-fourth of the appropriation.

The time for furnishing the main sewer was extended to May 15 and the time for completion to July 15.

The street and alley committee asked for one week more time on the electric light matter, Mr. Seigert not yet responding. The latter thinks he ought to have the right to make his own prices for lights for commercial purposes. There should be no further delay in the matter.

Plumbers putting in water fixtures were to give bond in the sum of \$800. The clerk was instructed to charge \$3 for plumbers' permits. The plumber will probably get in his work on the one who has the pipe put in, for the \$3.

J. A. Spencer asked permission to use the city pump which was recently taken out of the elevator. He wished to use it at his factory for private fire protection. He was granted the privilege. If the town wishes to remove it Mr. S. has the privilege of buying it for \$10.

Dr. Milton R. Keeley, of the institute, was unanimously appointed Chief Fire Marshal. The Doctor is said to have had considerable experience as a fireman and will undoubtedly make an excellent chief. If the Doctor gets a "shot" at a "fire fiend" he will bring him into "line" is short order.

The new fire districts were decided on as follows:

1st District—All that portion of the city south of Mazon avenue and east of Prairie avenue.

2d District—All that portion west of Prairie and south of Mazon.

3d District—North of Mazon and west of Prairie.

4th District—North of Mazon and east of Prairie.

These districts are very well laid out but the division east and west on Delaware street would have been more fair, as it is nearer the dividing line.

A. M. Bartholic, in addition to being engineer, was appointed superintendent of the water works. He will also superintend the tapping of mains.

During the evening two of the trustees got into a slight wrangle, but the mayor acted as referee and called "time" on them. Then the law makers went out into the cold world for another week.

### TRIPPLE INSTALLATION.

The G. A. R., W. R. C. and S. O. V., Install Officers for the Insuing Year.

Many military men and military ladies assembled at G. A. R. hall Tuesday evening to take part in and witness the public installation of the above popular societies. Early in the evening a couple of sleigh loads of visitors from Gardner arrived and commenced to make things lively. They came the old fashioned way in the bottom of the sleigh box in the hay and the people along the route, it is said, thought the year of jubilee had come. Quite a number from Gardner also came on the accommodation, and this too was a jolly crowd. Mr. Govey made things lively, and it is said, some of the passengers thought he was on his way to visit the Gold Cure institute. Jerry is full of fun, which is not augmented by any stimulants, however. Mrs. Eldred the accomplished lady who installed the officers of the Relief Corps, arrived in the afternoon, and was a guest of Col. and Mrs. Henry Fox.

The senior order, the G. A. R., was the first to commence the ceremonies and Col. Buffham called the Post to order, Col. J. B. Parsons, the senior commander of the Post, filled the position of installing officer. Following are the officers installed:

Commander, J. C. Lewis; S. V. C., Henry Spellman; J. V. C., Thos. Weldon; Surgeon, Dr. Yates; Q. M., Wm. Brown; O. D., Thos. Comford; O. G., Wm. Constantine; Chaplain, Jas. Williams; Adjt., Frank Ford; S. M., S. T. Lockhart; Q. M. S., F. Ribordy.

After the above officers were duly installed, the STAR and HERALD quartette furnished the audience with some cheering music.

President Hattie A. Fox then rapped the Corps to order and Mrs. Eldred pro-

ceeded to install the following officers: President, Hattie A. Fox; S. V. P., Sarah Buffham; J. V. P., Kate A. Dustin; Sec., Ella Conant; Treas., Sarah A. Parker; Chap., Mattie Lockhart; C., Anna McClary; A. C., Emma Buffham; G., Susan Turnbaugh; A. G., Maggie Lockhart.

Immediately after the closing of the ceremonies Miss Ella Conant, in behalf of the Corps, presented Mrs. Fox a handsome gold badge, emblematic of the order and the office of past president. Mrs. Fox has made an excellent president and well deserves the compliment paid her. She returned thanks for the beautiful gift.

After another song by the quartette Capt. H. F. Boyer called the Sons to order and W. G. Dustin proceeded to install their new officers as follows:

Captain, Jos. Buffham; 1st Lieut., A. A. Boyer; 2d Lieut., John Comford; Camp Council, H. F. Boyer, S. T. Lockhart, H. Rogers. After this Capt. Buffham announced his staff officers and installed them as follows:

1st S., E. E. Little; Q. M. S., Orville Brown; C., E. L. Seymour; C. S., Will Davis; S. G., H. F. Boyer; P. M., C. Ribordy; C. G., B. Lockhart; C. G., Homer Rogers; P. G., H. Seuffly.

As soon as Capt. Buffham dismissed the Camp, Col. J. C. Lewis took the chair and suggested some remarks from Mrs. Eldred, who responded in a happy speech, full of good advice and complimentary mention.

Col. Germain, of Gardner, also favored those present with some pleasant remarks, which were highly appreciated. Mr. G. said he was from a suburb of Dwight, called Gardner, and thanked all for the reception, and extended an invitation for all to visit them some time. At the close of his remarks the ladies of the Dwight Corps broke into the audience room with a rush and distributed all manner of good things to eat and splendid coffee to drink, premisesously among the audience. Everyone seemed to be well pleased, and withal it was probably the largest crowd and most successful installation that these societies have ever held.

STRAY SHOTS.

There were forty-three people, young and old from Gardner, and it would be hard to find a jollier set than they are. Parson Smith, the popular druggist, of Gardner, was right "in it" with his new shiny tile.

The STAR and HERALD quartette, composed of Messrs. Houston, Ely, Shepard and Zimmerman, did themselves proud.

Captain Harry Insley, of Leavenworth, Kas., was present. That gentleman was recently installed captain of a large camp of Sons at his home.

Several "Old Yets" from other parts of the country were present and received a hearty welcome.

Capt. H. F. Boyer received a handsome present from the Camp of a past-captain's gold badge.

The officers installed by the three organizations are all good ones and prospects for the ensuing year are good.

It is Col. J. C. Lewis now. Most of the Gardner delegation went home on No. 33, which was about three hours late.

Some of the young people sang "We Won't Go Home 'Till Morning," and put it into effect, too. Weunderstand a "fiddle" was "dug up" somewhere and a foot or two was shook.

Postmaster Fellows Dead.

John A. Fellows, postmaster at Pontiac and coroner of Livingston county, died Sunday last at Pontiac and was buried Tuesday by the Odd Fellows. His death was the result of a fall which he received from the back steps of the postoffice one week before his death. Mr. Fellows was an old resident of Pontiac; had served as circuit clerk; had previously served as postmaster of Pontiac and was a worthy member of the old 129th Ill. Vol. Infantry. "Al," as he was familiarly called, was a wholesome, big hearted man; made many friends and held them, and will be remembered longer than the average of us mortals. His funeral was largely attended by friends from different parts of the county.

Business Jealousy.

The announcement of neighborhood papers that our merchants are charging more for their wares than other towns and cities around us, is all nonsense. There is not a better or more liberal class of merchants in this section of the country than Dwight possesses. They are good, square, upright men, and are satisfied with a fair profit, which is just in any business. The principal cause of this unwarranted kicking is simply because our neighbors are all jealous of Dwight's great prosperity. It will take more than the whining of a lot of croakers to injure Dwight's prosperity.