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The Blair Neb. Keeley Institute.

We are in receipt of the Blair, Neb., Courier, contained an illustrated article of two pages, on the new institute which was formally opened last week Thursday, Dr. Keeley being present. The portraits represented are Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, Dr. B. F. Monroe, President Kenny, sr., Treasurer Stevens, Secretary Cook and the Keeley Institute. The following is from the Courier:

Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, L. L. D., of Dwight, Ill., arrived on the 6:39 p. m. train and was met by a large delegation and escorted to the institute where he dined with some of the officers. He was in no way fatigued, and said to a reporter of the Courier that he was feeling in the best of health and was more than pleased with the Blair people's welcome to him.

After he lunched he was about among the graduates and seemed to be at home as much as if in his laboratory at his home in Dwight.

At 8:50 he was escorted to the banquet hall. Judge Jesse T. Davis delivered the address of welcome which was well received. He in a befitting manner spoke of the great amount of good and happiness he, Dr. Keeley, had done to mankind.

At the institute the crowd was large and it was almost impossible to move in this large edifice. Over the main door leading to the dining room was the words, "Welcome L. E. K." In other parts of the interior were many fine and beautiful designs.

"Dr. Keeley and the press" was responded to by A. P. Childs, of the Wayne Democrat. "The Keeley Graduates," was taken care of in a masterly manner by Dr. B. F. Monroe, the physician in charge. "Our League," received a good response from Hon. Pat. O. Howes. "Our Visitors," was responded to by C. L. Sleeper. Judge A. C. Reed, did credit to the toast, "The Liquor Habit and Reference to Young Men." "Keeley and the Home," by Chet B. Dyke. G. W. Hunt responded to the toast "The Veil Uplifted." Walter Mason read an original poem, and it was in good taste and well received.

The address of Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, was a masterly one, and the audience listened with attention to the good sober judgement of this wonderful man. It is impossible for the Courier to go into details on this speech, so we will not make an attempt, but those who were present will for many years to come remember his good plain talk to the graduates and present members of the league.

Obituary.

Grandma Martin passed quietly away at the age of 76.

The subject of this sketch, Jane Clover was born in Pennsylvania Dec. 22, 1816. She moved with her parents to Indiana at a very early age. She was married to John Scott in 1838. Of this union there were nine children, three of whom died in infancy, and six who lived to manhood and womanhood. Two of these only survive her. Mrs. J. E. Weller, of Dwight, Livingston county, Ill., and Mrs. Philo Curtis, of Clinton, Vermillion county, Ind. She moved to Missouri in 1856 where she lived only a few months' her husband dying in December of the same year. She then removed to Dwight, Ill., where she married James Martin in 1862. Of this union there was no issue. Here she continued to reside until Mr. Martin's death which occurred April 23, 1889. She then removed to Clinton, Ind., in August of the same year, where she has since resided with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Philo Curtis. On Jan. 4 she took sick with a gripe, but soon rallied and was thought to be out of danger. She took a relapse and this was followed by a general breaking away of the feeble body already worn by the ravages of time. Everything was done that loving hands and medical skill could devise, but of no avail, and on Jan. 14 at 11 o'clock a. m. her spirit took her flight to that better world where sorrow, sickness or death, enter not to mar the peaceful bliss. But death's visit did not come unexpected to her. She had made her arrangements and selected the hymns she wished to be sung at her funeral. She left not one thing undone. Her last words was a request to her friends that they meet her in heaven and "Jesus Lover of my Soul, Let me to Thy Bosom Fly."

She joined the Christian church at a very early age and after her removal to Dwight, she united with the Congregational church, of which she was a valued member, never listening to the appeal of charity without aiding in relief. The funeral was held at her late residence Sunday, Jan. 17 at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Meridith, of the M. E. church of Clinton. Her body was borne

by her six grandsons, to a beautiful spot in the Clinton cemetery, where she was tenderly laid to rest.

Among those present at her funeral, were he son, Albert, Martin and little son Willie, of Cisna Park, Ill., her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Weller and husband, of Dwight, Ill., and numerous friends and relatives of Helt and Vermillion townships. She will be greatly missed in the family circle, as she was always there with a kind word and a pleasant smile. None knew her but to love her.

Death of Mary Ann Standen-Pettett.

The unrelenting hand of death has been felt in our midst during the week, and it is our sad duty to chronicle the demise of a noble woman, Mrs. Pettett. She passed away Tuesday after a short illness of four days, at the advanced age of 76 years, eight months and sixteen days. The cause of death was the dreaded disease, la grippe.

Mrs. Pettett was born at Hollington Sussex, England, May 10, 1815, and was married to Henry Pettett Nov. 6, 1836. They had seven children, three of whom died before leaving England. They came to America in the spring of 1868. In 1874 Mr. John Pettett's wife died, and Mrs. Pettett assumed the care of his little ones, and we might say was a faithful mother to two families. There are four boys living, all of whom were present at the funeral. They are George, John, Henry and Howard.

Mrs. Pettett was a kind, generous lady and she made friends of everyone with whom she came in contact, and the community mourns her departure. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. The remains were laid away to rest in Oak Lawn cemetery beside those of Mrs. John Pettett and daughter.

We understand that Mr. Henry Pettett is also very ill and that his life is almost despaired of. The ailment is very similar to that of Mrs. Pettett's.

Political Boom.

In addition to Dwight's financial, real estate and other booms, the Inter Ocean of Monday, gave the town quite a political boom, especially the Republican side of the question. The article, after speaking in general terms about the republican side, has the following to say about some of our people, and suggests Dr. Leslie E. Keeley for congress:

"Dwight was the only town in Livingston county that held its own in the last election, which speaks well for the local managers, and entitles them to consideration in the coming conventions. There have been no announcements yet for county officers, but soon will be. Representative Straight, of Fairbury, has announced himself for re-election, but nothing has been heard from Representative N. J. Meyer. The latter gentleman has served two terms, and both are good reliable republicans. Dwight republicans, however, think the north end of Livingston county should have one of the representatives, and as the wonderful growth of our little city makes it the most important town in the district, they naturally look to us for material. The Hon. Chas. L. Romberger, a rising young lawyer and a staunch republican, has been mentioned for the place; also James Brown, and David Rilling, prominent farmers; Col. Parsons, our popular postmaster; C. J. Judd, secretary of the Leslie E. Keeley company, and other competent men, any of whom would fill the bill.

In looking about the Congressional district it is hard to find a man that would wield the influence and command so much national respect as ex-Congressman L. E. Payson. As this gentleman has changed his residence to Washington, D. C., and also announced his intention of retiring from politics, he is out of the question. Dwight has a man who would do honor to the position, but, although a staunch republican, he has never been a politician in any sense of the word, and it is very doubtful if he could be prevailed upon to accept any position in the gift of the people. I refer to Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, the celebrated physician of gold cure fame. Ex-Representative O. W. Polard would also make a splendid representative for the Eighth district in Congress. Probably the man most talked of for the position, and the man who will have Livingston's delegation in the convention, is the Hon. George W. Patton, of Pontiac. He is probably the best lawyer in the district, a brilliant speaker, and a sound republican under all circumstances. State's Attorney McDowell, of Pontiac, and the Hon. John Virgin, of Fairbury, are also quite frequently mentioned.

Governor Fifer has a warm support for re-election in this county, and for congressman at large the Hon. Charles E. Fuller, the fighting republican senator from "Little Boone," is highly spoken of, and since the recent republican jubilee, Richard Yates, jr., is receiving much complimentary notice."

The Inter Ocean man might have also said that Dwight had some very competent gentlemen in the democratic ranks who would do honor to the congressional and representative district. Col. R. P. Morgan or S. T. K. Prime would either of them fill a seat in congress with much more ability than half of those there now. Representative Smith, of Chatsworth, has been the minority member from this district for some time, and has been a good man for his party, but there is plenty of material in the north end, among whom might be mentioned Will Ketcham, Henry Fox, Austin Gibbons, John Thompson, Lou Trunnell, and many other men of business and excellent ability.

Water Rates.

For the information of our readers we publish this week many of the prices to be charged for water rents by the year. The ordinance includes many other special rates but the following is the general usage prices:

Banks, \$4.
Bakeries, four barrels of flour or less, \$6.
Barber shops, 1 chair, \$3; each extra chair, \$1.

Bath house (public) 1 tub, \$5; each extra tub, \$3; (private) 1 tub, \$2.

Blacksmith shop, 1 fire, \$3; additional each, \$1.50.

No permits for building purposes granted for less than \$1.

Boarding houses, 5 rooms or less, \$5; extra, 50c each.

Candy factories, \$5.
Churches, \$3; baptistry, \$2.

Cigar factories, four hands or less, \$5; extra, 50c each.

Club rooms, \$12.
Dwelling houses, 5 or less rooms, \$4; extra, 25c each.

Dye house, \$10.
Eating houses, 15 persons or less, \$15.

Fountains, from \$6 to \$12.
Green and hot houses, public, \$20; private, \$5.

Hotels, special rates.
Offices and sleeping rooms, \$3.

Printing offices, 5 hands or less, \$10.
Ice cream parlors, \$6; soda fountain, \$5; glass washer, extra.

Livery stables, special; private stable, 1 horse, \$2; extra animals, \$1 each.

Stores, 25-foot front, \$4; window and pavement washing, \$4; 15c each extra per foot front.

Sprinkling lots, 50 foot, per season, \$3.
Sprinkling street, 5c per front foot.

Schools, public, free.
Steam engines, special.

Theatres and halls, \$12.
Laundries, 3 hands, \$20; engines, special.

Photograph gallery, \$8.
Water closets (public) per bowl, \$5; extra, \$2 each; private bowls, \$2; extra \$1 each.

Motor rates, special.
Foundries, machine shops, etc., special.

The above amounts are payable quarterly in advance, the first of January, April, July and October. If not paid within ten days, 10 per cent will be added for collection. If any one is reported as delinquent the water will be turned off and it will cost \$1 extra to turn it on again. The owner or lessee of property shall see that all the plumbing fixtures are kept in order. No alteration can be made without a permit. Any fooling with or obstructing hydrants is subject to heavy fines. All water closets, taps, wash basins, are required to be closed when not in use under penalty, and no one is allowed to furnish water to other parties. The water can be considered as a lien on the property and the costs and collections made by special assessment unless paid promptly.

Applications must be made in writing to the city clerk upon blanks furnished by him in which must be stated plainly just what is wanted and then lived up to.

Merry Masquers.

Saturday evening a most enjoyable masquerade leap year party was given at the home of Misses Gussie and Fay Blaine. There were many unique and ludicrous costumes, which elicited much mirth from the onlookers. The young people tripped the light fantastic, played all kinds of games, and had a glorious time each and all. Music, "Old Smith's Fare," "Fig in Parlor," "Winks" and many other of the latest games were indulged in by all. They left for their homes shortly before Sunday morning. Those present were: Misses Addie Elfrink, Addie Bessie, and Cora Baker; Mabel Huya, Emma Barr, Lucy Rabe, Gussie and Fay Blaine, Carrie Knudsen, Fannie Connor, Mamie Keohlren; Messrs. Will

Broughton, Clarence Rabe, John Doherty, Chas. Adams, Estes Buck, Harry Crandall, Ben Elfrink, Prof. Schlabaeh, Wm. Leach, Frank Williams, Roger Blaine and Arthur Walbridge.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

By Prof. Foster.

The institute in session in Pontiac Jan. 22 and 23, will have a very important bearing on the school work of Livingston county during the coming year. Not only was the work with the new text books outlined month by month and definite instructions given teachers as to plans for carrying it out, but action was taken by the teachers as a body which revolutionizes the present system of examinations in two particulars. Examinations for second grade certificates will now extend through two days instead of one and will occur on the third Friday and Saturday of each month except July. The new plan gives plenty of time for each candidate to complete the written work required in the way most just to himself. It was further voted to exact a fee of one dollar for each examination as is done in other counties, the proceeds going to provide a larger institute fund, which will insure better teachers and a larger line of work for the summer session. Both these measures take effect Feb. 1, 1892. The Superintendent's notice will henceforth read as follows:

"Examinations for second grade certificates will be held in my office on the third Friday and Saturday of each month except July. The candidate must pass a thorough examination in the structure and use of words, reading, penmanship, arithmetic, grammar, geography, history, physiology, Page's Theory and Practice and school law in so far as it refers to teachers, pupils and directors, and must also show a satisfactory knowledge of the course of study in this county.

For a first grade certificate, the candidate must be qualified in all that is required for the second grade and in addition must pass an elementary examination in the philosophy, zoology and botany.

Estimated in per cent the required average for the second grade will be 80 with a minimum of 70; for the first grade 90 with a minimum of 75.

Satisfactory evidence of a knowledge of methods of work will be required before a second grade certificate is issued, and conclusive evidence of the work on success in the work outlined for this county must be given, before a second certificate of any grade will be granted. A fee of one dollar will be charged for each examination.

Attention is called to the fact that the time for exchange rates on text books expires on Saturday of this week. Directors who have been so blind as to deprive their districts of the advantage of the most economical exchange ever made in this county, and further, of the right to get books and supplies in the future at wholesale rates, will be called to account by the people, as soon as they realize to how much extra expense they have been subjected to.

Twenty of the townships of the county have the books in every district. Five report all but one contracted. One has three to act. Rooks Creek and Long Point have earned the distinction of being slowest in the county, each having four districts still without the books. The town report two each where no adoptions have been made, making a total of twenty out of the 259 schools, which have not realized the benefits of this measure.

Another plan is now on foot, tending to aid the schools still further. A series of township institutes will be held for the aid and instruction of both teachers and directors, in order that the special need of each district may be better known and the township work more systematized. The notice of time and place of each of these meetings will be published next week, and every teacher and school officer of this county is expected to work up an interest in these meetings in the respective districts of each town.

The books for the reading circle, for the school library, the maps, the globe, charts, and other apparatus mentioned in the circular sent out to directors are on exhibition in the office in Pontiac and all are requested to call and examine them. Many teachers looked them over during the institute just closed.

Remember that the Public-School Record has been adopted for this county, in order that the records may be uniformly kept throughout the county. They cost but a dollar, and will last several years. In exchange for old registers they can be had for less. Any dealers in the county are able to supply them.