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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

## FURNITURE

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

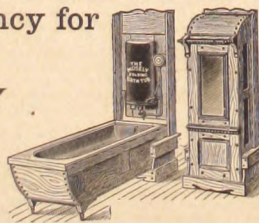
ever placed on sale in Dwight. I

also have the agency for the popular

### MOSELY

### FOLDING BATH TUB,

The Best and Finest Thing in the Market.



## Baker's Furniture Store.

### -- IT'S A CHILLY DAY --

WHEN

## KETCHAM & SMITH

Can't sell you a good piece of property at Reasonable Figures.

### LOOK

at their Numbered add on the Eighth page of this paper.

Everybody knows where our office is in the Mickelson Block.

We list—We sell. That is our Biography.

Terms of payment reasonable, and many cases to suit purchaser.

### Fire Protection.

We are glad to see that our new fire marshal, Dr. Milton R. Keeley, is interesting himself in forming a competent fire department, including a company of twenty well equipped men, and apparatus suitable for any emergency.

Dr. Keeley proposes that the company be organized under a state charter, and that regular drills be held, and such proficiency reached that will enable them to enter competitive drills with crack companies anywhere. The material is here, and it will be the aim of the fire marshal to utilize it. Names of reliable men (no boys) are being secured from which will be chosen twenty of the best, and a meeting will be called to organize, elect officers etc. As soon as practicable suitable rubber clothing to fight fire in will be secured; also uniforms.

The board of trustees will be called upon to do their share in the matter, and will no doubt respond. The fire marshal says it will be necessary to have the old Babcock extinguishers fixed over and kept charged constantly, and that it will be cheaper in the end to send them to Chicago. Often all that would be needed would be a Babcock and they should certainly be kept in trim. The marshal also says the ladders should be tested and repaired with new rounds, etc. All the old appliances must be placed in good shape, and the old hose receive a test of 120 pounds pressure. It will also be necessary to purchase 400 feet more hose, so as to be able to throw two streams of water in the middle of long blocks.

Dr. M. R. Keeley certainly has the right views in the matter of fire protection, and if he receives the proper support of the town board and the people will make an excellent and effective organization.

As every one knows, the town board has been under large expenses, why wouldn't it be a good plan to raise the money by subscription to buy proper clothing for the protection of the men who volunteer to fight fire, and also uniforms to drill in. Long rubber coats, boots and hats are needed, and neat uniforms for drilling purposes. Every merchant, business man, and indeed, every man in town outside of the volunteers themselves, should be willing to subscribe to such a fund. The cost would amount to very little. Very few men can afford to spoil a suit of clothes every time there is a fire, and that is what it amounts to. Let some enterprising citizen like Herschel Hagerty start the ball rolling by finding out the cost of these things and drawing up a paper for citizens to sign certain amounts, to be paid to the fire marshal or whoever he may direct, for the purposes above stated. The STAR AND HERALD will take pleasure in publishing the names of the givers each week.

The old quarters for the fire apparatus also needs repairing and proper places made to keep uniforms, and a comfortable place provided for meetings of the proposed company.

A meeting was held at the town house last night, the proceedings of which are too late for this issue.

### Bids For Sewerage.

As stated in the advertisement recently, bids for constructing a system of sewerage were opened Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. There was a difference of over \$7,000 between the highest and lowest bidder, which is quite an item in a system estimated to cost about \$40,000. There were only four bidders and they complied with the requirements of the ordinance in depositing a check for \$1,000 as an evidence of good faith. The following are the bidders and their bids:

Hill & McCabe, St. Louis, \$32,930.80.  
D. H. Lineham, Dubuque, Iowa, \$39,557.10.

Geo. McIntosh, Bloomington, Ill., \$35,725.00.

The board withold the right to reject all bids, but as the lowest responsible bidder is Hill & McCabe, of St. Louis, they will undoubtedly be awarded the contract at the regular meeting next Tuesday night. We understand the board is unanimous in this. Hill & McCabe are said to be hustlers and will go right at the work and rush it through. That's just what is needed.

### Our John Was Not In It.

Mr. Geo. Kline, of Pontiac, was elected coroner of Livingston county, Tuesday, by the board of supervisors. Mr. Kline is a democrat and we understand the first democrat to fill the office in the history of the county. However, as it does not make any difference to dead men what the politics of the coroner is that propounds law over them, there will probably be no kick from any party. But what we would like to know, is, what became of our John's boom for coroner.

### BLOWN UP.

#### Engine No. 47 on the Alton Blown Up, Hurling Three Employees to Eternity, and Badly Injures Another

Tuesday night at Jarley, a stone station about five miles south of Joliet, there was a terrific explosion, and No. 47 engine was blown to pieces, and Fireman Brandon and Brakeman Grant Hastings, hurled into eternity without warning, and Engineer DuBois, son-in-law of Master Mechanic Quackenbush, had his leg broken and was badly scalded and died Wednesday. No one knows what was the matter with the boiler, as it was considered in as good condition as most of them. It proves conclusively that no boiler is entirely safe, as there may be some weak spot that has been that way for years. The engineer, fireman and head brakeman were in the cab at the time of the explosion, which blew out the crown sheets and otherwise demolished the engine, and blew the occupants out of the cab. The engine was picked up more dead than alive and the fireman almost dead, and the body of poor Grant Hastings was found in a terribly mangled condition in an adjacent corn field. The wounded men and the remains were taken back to Joliet. Brandon died just as he reached the hospital. DuBois died Wednesday at Joliet and his and Hastings' remains were taken to Bloomington Wednesday night.

### Joined In Heaven.

How often it happens that when an aged couple live together in happiness as man and wife for many years that their deaths soon follow each other. It was only a short time since that Grandpa Loudon passed away and in a few short weeks Grandma Loudon joined him in his next life. There are numerous other cases we might mention. Last week we were called upon to announce the death of that kindly and beloved lady, Mrs. Henry Pettett, and this week it is our sad duty to chronicle the decease of Mr. Henry Pettett. They were married Nov. 6, 1836, and live happily together for fifty-five long years. After the wife died the old gentleman's thoughts were with her constantly, and who knows but he was glad to go and join her in heaven. Mr. Pettett has suffered from sickness at times for several years, but it was only about three weeks ago that he informed us that he felt better than for a long while, but an attack of la grippe and his grief since his wife's death have accomplished their work and he has gone from us never to return. The children and grand children to whom the aged couple have always been so kind and considerate, the blow falls the heaviest, and particularly so to John, who has always been at home.

Henry Pettett was born at Rye, Sussex, England, Nov. 9, 1813, and settled in Dwight in the fall of 1869, and died on the first day of February, 1892, being at the time of his death, 78 years, 2 months and 22 days of age.

The funeral was held Thursday at 2 p. m., the remaining members of the family and many friends being present. Rev. Conard performed the last sad rites, and again a sad and silent trip was made to the city of the dead at Oak Lawn, where the remains were interred beside those of his beloved wife.

### Plenty of Politics.

Already the struggle has commenced, as it always does presidential years, between the different political parties for supremacy. At present the struggle is between the leaders in each party to secure nominations, after which the battle will be fought between party and party. Every day we are in receipt of marked papers, circulars or letters, in the interests of some particular candidate, but we heed them not. The STAR AND HERALD during the presidential year will be the same as at any other time, practically free from politics, any further than publishing the news is concerned. If any candidate has any thing to say through the STAR AND HERALD they know our terms. If they don't they can bear in mind that their price is the same as any other person who wishes to advertise himself or his wares. We have good friends and patrons in both parties and we cannot afford to lose their friendship or support. Privately the proprietors of the STAR AND HERALD do as they please politically, but as far as the STAR AND HERALD is concerned politically, we are like the man that drove the hearse—"not in it."

### The Whitney Mockridge Concert.

The fourth of the series of the Slayton Lyceum entertainments, under the auspices of the Epworth League Tuesday evening was largely attended, the church being well filled, and the entire concert excellent. The Whitney Mockridge concert company is one of the

best furnished by the Slayton Lyceum Bureau, and the Epworth League deserves credit for securing such fine entertainment for our people during the winter months, and hope to see them come out whole financially. The first selection on the program was a duet by Mrs. Clara E. Shilton and Mr. Beresford, which was nicely rendered. Miss Belle Botsford, a petite and graceful little lady, entertained the audience with five selections on the violin during the evening, and was encored twice. Mr. Whitney Mockridge's appearance was received with applause, and he rendered three very fine selections during the evening. Mr. Arthur Beresford has an excellent bass voice and rendered two selections. Mrs. Clara Shilton rendered two very pretty selections. Her "Tell me Beautiful Maiden," was received with an encore. Withall the concert was very pleasing to the large audience.

The closing concert will take place at the M. E. church Monday evening, Feb. 15, and the Kellogg Concert Company will be the attraction.

### Up In G!

Waupansie street is looming up in great shape of late, as a fine residence street, and Mazon avenue will have to look out for its laurels as the aristocratic thoroughfare of the town. A reporter of the STAR AND HERALD strolled along Waupansie street a few days ago and was surprised to see the elegant new residences in course of construction. At the west end we noticed Weicker's and Jensen's new houses, they show up well. Mr. Haise's residence, almost ready for occupancy, is a beauty, stands up high and dry, and will make one of the nicest homes in town. In the block east from Haise's, in course of construction is D. B. Stevens', Harrison's Fifield's and Penn's residences, all of which will be large, neat and substantial homes. We understand that L. H. Martin and Henry McLane will also build in that neighborhood soon. The residence now occupied by Mr. Fenn is the property of Dr. Oakshott and will be remodeled and improved. It is very probable that Dr. Leslie E. Keeley will build on the corner of Waupansie and Prairie avenue, opposite O. W. Pollard's handsome residence, which is sure to add to the beauty of the locality. In the next block east several new residences and additions have been built which improves the street wonderfully. Mrs. Major Judd's odd but handsome residence which has been named "the typewriter's home" adds to the beauty of the street greatly. Mr. Wilson's, Mr. Roe's and several more new and tasty residences the owner's names of which we did not get, add materially to Waupansie. Across the railroad are several new houses near Major Judd's handsome residence and grounds. Withall, Waupansie street is hard to be beat in Dwight. We shall speak further of the new residences soon.

### The Keeley Institute of Russia, Sweden and Norway.

Messrs. F. W. Farnham, Emil Hartmann and J. A. Payne of Duluth, Minn., graduates from the Dwight Institute and honored club members, have obtained the right of the Keeley treatment in Russia, Sweden and Norway. These gentlemen have organized three corporations under the laws of Minnesota, and are now offering the stock to the members of the Bichloride of Gold club of the World in shares of \$10 each. The organizations are capitalized as follows: Russia, \$500,000; Norway, \$250,000; Sweden, \$250,000. This million dollar enterprise will undoubtedly prove an excellent thing for the countries named, and a good financial investment for those who take stock. Mr. Hartmann announces that he will leave for the field of operation early in March, and expects to have a number of institutes started soon. Club members are given the preference in purchasing stock, which must be taken by Feb. 15 at the latest, as the books will be open for outside subscriptions after that date.

### Our Picture.

We are in receipt of a kodak snap shot photograph of the old STAR AND HERALD office before the fire of October 10, 1891, from Gay Davidson, of the Carthage (Ill.) Republic. The picture was taken by Mr. Davidson's brother, Rev. Davidson, who visited the former while he was taking treatment last summer. In a letter to us Mr. D. says regarding the picture: "A glance at the picture will satisfy critics that the reverend gentleman was not 'on to his job,' in the common vernacular, as a kodak fiend." It is probably the only picture in existence of the old building and we prize it very highly and return thanks to Mr. Davidson for his kindness and thoughtfulness in sending us the souvenir.

### Auction Week.

Jesse Slyder will come pretty near crying himself hoarse at auction sales next week. He has the following sales on docket:

#### MARTIN SEABERT

will soon move to town, and on Monday, Feb. 8, will sell on his farm east of town, commencing at 10 a. m., eight head of good horses of different ages and grades; twenty-nine head of cattle, some blooded stock, and lots of farm implements.

#### S. T. LOCKAERT

is also coming to Dwight and will dispose of six head of good horses, twenty head of milch cows, heifers, yearlings and calves, all kinds of farming implements, etc. His sale takes place on the Payne farm, one mile southeast of Dwight, commencing at 10 a. m. Tuesday, Feb. 9.

#### P. S. BROWN.

living four miles east and one mile south of Dwight, will dispose of some of his property Thursday, Feb. 11, 1892, consisting of 10 head of horses of all ages and grades, 25 head of cattle—milch cows, steers, heifers, etc. Also one good English draft stallion.

#### JESSE LITTLE

is thinking about moving, having sold his farm, and will sell his stock, etc., Friday, Feb. 12, 1892, commencing at 10 a. m. This will be a big sale and two auctioneers are employed. Thirteen head of horses, 12 milch cows, 20 head of sheep, lots of farming implements in good order, a complete blacksmith outfit, etc.

Parties needing stock or anything wanted on the farm will do well to attend one of these sales.

#### Woodchuck Day.

Last Tuesday was what is commonly called "Ground Hog Day." We used to call them woodchucks, but ground hog will do all right. Probably this little animal has more to do with the weather predictions among the superstitious than Mr. Greeley, of Washington. Mr. Greeley is no hog anyway. We did not see any ground hog Tuesday, that is to speak of, and don't know whether they cast a shadow or not. One thing well known, however, ground hog or no ground hog, it will be muddy in Dwight until the streets are paved, and unhealthy until the sewer system is completed, and dark until the new electric light system is in operation, which we trust will not be long.

#### Death of Wm. Miller's Son.

A ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller died quite suddenly Tuesday of heart failure. Lawrence had been sick with la grippe for a few days but it was thought he was getting better. He asked for a drink of water just before he died and seemed quite well, but the little fellow immediately fell back and expired. The funeral was held at the house Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and was largely attended. The parents of the deceased boy have the sympathy of many friends.

#### Will Commence Building.

The Leslie E. Keeley Co. will commence building on their vacant fifty feet next to Kern's immediately, and the space now occupied by Stevens, Geis, and Lawrence will be built up as soon after the 1st of May as vacated. We understand that the company will put up an elegant opera house soon. It is certainly badly needed as there is no place in the town fit for entertainments.

#### Gone East.

Dr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Keeley left for Philadelphia Tuesday, where the Doctor visited the branch institute and delivered a lecture. He also visited several other branch institutes in eastern states. These visits of the Doctor are causing untold good in encouraging the grand cause in the different localities of the branch institutes.

#### Daily Star and Herald.

The STAR AND HERALD will issue a daily during the convention of the World's Bichloride of Gold convention, commencing Feb. 15. It will be the first daily paper ever issued in Dwight, and will be a splendid advertising medium. Here is a splendid opportunity to get yourself and business before the public.

#### Killed at Chenoa.

Brakeman Frank Ridge, of the Alton, was instantly killed at Chenoa Tuesday. The engine of his train was backing up and Ridge attempted to get on the tender coming toward him. His foot slipped and he fell the engine passing over him, crushing him to death.

#### Incipient Blaze.

A small fire broke out in the residence of Andrew Paulson Wednesday forenoon, but it was soon squelched through the aid of a patient who was near. The cause was a defective flue.