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BARGAINS

Dwight City and Farm PROPERTY.

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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. NELSON'S TAILORING PARLORS.

213 EAST MAIN STREET, STREATOR, ILL.

My Salesman, Mr. Baker, will be at the McPherson House, on Monday of each week with a full line of Samples and Piece Goods.

Those in need of Spring Suits should see my cases before ordering.

Respectfully,

N. NELSON.

Good Bye Sam.

Sam Houston has left us, and by the way, left pretty near everybody in the town in a good large hole. Sam was a peculiar genius. He had the elements that made him popular and thereby gained the confidence of his associates and worked them for all it was worth. We never met a man that would not pay something, until we had the pleasure of Sam's acquaintance. He never paid anything from a shave to a bath, from a newspaper to a bootblack, from a victim of insurance to a bank, and from the Epworth League to eternity, not one cent would he pay.

Sam Houston is a bright, intelligent young man that could make his mark in any community, and no place could be found better than Dwight. Everybody liked him and took an interest in his future. We cannot understand why he has done what he has. A bright future for a young man blasted by his own acts. For the past three months or more we have been requested to "roast" Sam but we refused to do so, even when offered money to do so. We believe in giving everybody a show in this world. Poor Sam, we hope he may be better than his acts now indicate.

Call a Public Meeting.

Engineer Philbrick informs us that it has always been his experience in preparing papers for special assessments that it causes a great commotion when the first papers are served. In most cases public meetings are held and the whole matter explained by the engineer and others. The payments are to be made on long time and we think that after the matter is thoroughly understood there will not be so much kicking. The amount is nine cents a foot on all lots where the sewerage does not extend but will in time, and forty-five cents for mains in front of all residences and business property. Engineer Philbrick informs us that the rate is very cheap.

A Quiet Wedding.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the Catholic church in Dwight. The contracting parties are Miss Katie Smith and Thos. Gavin, of Reddick, and the knot was securely tied by Father Moore. Miss Smith was a young lady well known in Reddick and beloved by all, and Mr. Gavin is to be congratulated on his excellent choice. She is a daughter of Mike Smith, one of the many thrifty farmers of Round Grove township. We know Mr. Smith and we extend our hearty congratulations to the newly married couple and wish them joy and prosperity.

A reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents Wednesday evening, and all we are sorry for is that we didn't have an invitation, because everybody had a good time.

That Tarantula.

One day this week G. L. Kern received a bunch of bananas, and while Frank Snyder was putting it up in the window, a beautiful bug ran out of the bunch, and caused a great rush toward the rear of the store. Frank was sure it was a tarantula, and preparations were immediately made to dispose of it. A gentleman in the store suggested that the bunch of bananas be placed in a barrel and a vessel of ammonia placed under it, which would put Mr. Tarantula to sleep. A long stick was taken, and a "glass" handle-will-care movement made. After leaving it in the barrel over night, Geo. L. Kern came to the store Wednesday morning prepared to capture the unwelcome visitor. After carefully removing the bunch from the barrel, and watching with breathless expectations for its appearance, an innocent little Singing Lizard, which is common in the sunny climate, came crawling out of the bananas. They tried to capture it, but killed it in the attempt.

Special Edition.

THE STAR AND HERALD will issue a special edition to-day containing the portraits of Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, Major C. J. Judd, John R. Oughton, Major Moore, and Walter Weese, also the speeches delivered by Dr. Keeley during the recent convention of Associated Keeley Bichloride of Gold Clubs. This step was made necessary on account of the demand for extra papers. The speeches are excellent and the portraits are good. Extra copies can be purchased at this office.

Zimbrebe-Seeger.

A quiet wedding took place at the residence of Rev. Elfrink Thursday. The contracting parties were Mr. John Zimbrebe and Miss Lizzie Seeger, both of Goodfarm. Rev. Elfrink performed the ceremony. The newly married couple will live on the bridegroom's farm seven miles south of Kankakee. Much happiness is wished them by their many friends.

Death of Mrs. Grosh.

The deceased was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to this country in 1819. She resided in Lancaster, Pa., where in 1823 she was united in marriage to Jacob Meier, eight children being born to them. They moved to Naperville, Ill., in 1844 where they resided until 1846 in which year the death of Mr. Meier occurred. In 1848 she married Jacob Grosh, two children being born to them. At the time of her death eight children were living, also forty-six grand children and thirty-four great grand children. Mrs. Grosh at the time of her death was eighty-five years, one month and twenty-five days old. The funeral services were held at the German Lutheran church Monday, Rev. Elfrink officiating.

Look at This!

Anyone who will get us six new subscribers paid in advance, we will send the Western Rural, Orange Judd Farmer, Weekly Inter Ocean, St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Kansas City Times, Yankee Blade, Prairie Farmer, Primary School, School News of Pontiac, National Tribune, Burlington Hawkeye, New York Tribune, Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, Detroit Free Press, Louisville Courier-Journal, Toledo Blade or the DWIGHT STAR AND HERALD for one year free.

NOW FOR THE BRIGHT BOYS AND GIRLS

Any boy or girl under fifteen years of age, no matter where you live or who you are, who will get us six new subscribers paid in advance at \$1.25 per year, we will send you THE YOUTH'S COMPANION one year free. There is a chance to get the nicest paper in the country for young people free.

Cheap Rates on the Alton.

Mr. N. H. Coole, the efficient agent of the Alton road, informs us that the rate to Mobile, Ala., during the Mardi Gras, will be \$18.55 for the round trip. Tickets for sale from Feb. 22nd to 28th inclusive. This is indeed a very cheap rate and our readers who desire to go south should take advantage of it. The tickets are good for 30 days.

Wilson.

Owen Finnegan is rapidly recovering from his late illness.

Mr. Seymour expects to occupy his handsome new residence by the first of March.

Dance at Wilson Friday eve.

Mr. Semantle's music class is progressing finely. His class numbers eighteen. He makes a thorough teacher and all are well pleased with his efforts.

A. T. Potter is grappling with the gripe again. A. T. is rather unfortunate.

Miss Bessie Finnegan is ill with the gripe.

Miss Mamie Dixon is expected home from a three week's visit among Plainville friends.

The dance at Wilson last Friday evening was rather a slim affair. Weather unfavorable.

A dance was given at the home of Mrs. Gavin, nee Smith, in honor of the newly wedded couple. Numerous presents were also given.

Mr. Thomas Gavin and wife will reside on D. Taxis' farm near Coal City.

Round Grove.

Mrs. E. T. Potter visited with the family of Mrs. Bennett of Fairbury Saturday and Sunday last.

Miss Belle Cummins, teacher in number 5, spent several days at her home in Ransom last week and attended the K. P. ball on Friday eve.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer visited Dwight Friday last.

Cyrus Thomas and A. Prickett returned from their land exploring trip in Kansas. Both were well pleased that they purchased farms in Cowley county.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ross are in Keosauqua looking over the country preliminary to purchasing a new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Redmond will remove to Joliet for future residence about March 1.

Stormy Pfefferman was the recipient of a fine gold watch last week from his father.

S. Pfefferman, wife and son Stormy will probably leave us for their new home at Beatrice, Neb., about the middle of March. Everyone is sorry to have them leave the community where they have been old residents.

Leslie Cassleman who has been ill with the gripe for some time, died at his home near Campus on Saturday. The funeral took place Monday, the body being interred in the Round Grove cemetery.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

By Prof. Foster.

The envelopes containing the questions for the district examinations, sent out last week, were sent opened at one end. It was found after the packets were ready for the mail, that their weight called for more postage than our allowance for this work would warrant us in paying, so we opened the envelopes and reduced the cost by half. We felt that we could trust our teachers not to open them until the appointed time, whether they were sealed or open, being limited in the amount to be expended this year to about \$150 we felt this step to be necessary.

It is hoped that teachers will do their work so well that we may be permitted to use twice that amount next year, and through such means may increase the efficiency of our schools fully fifty per cent, or more.

I hope all the pupils of this county who are eligible, will prepare for the township examination. They should strive to win the highest honors in their respective townships.

The series of township institutes which I announced to occur this month, have been postponed until more favorable weather, as the terrible condition of the roads and the prevalence of gripe would render a large attendance of patrons and directors impossible.

One of the serious drawbacks to our work in grading the country schools in such manner as to make the work uniform throughout the county, is found to be the difference in the length of terms in various districts, and the varying dates of commencing and ending these terms. A movement is now on foot to establish a uniform school year in this county. While the law compels but five months school during the year, no district can afford to limit the instruction of the children resident therein, to such a brief term. Most schools now have at least seven months school, and it seems to be practicable to arrange, by a little co-operation, that all schools shall begin on a given date, and adjourn for their vacations at given times. This would very much simplify the work of graduation, and would lighten the work for both teachers and pupils, by making possible a definite, unvarying plan for each month's work throughout the year, and do away with the present confusion in the matter. It is hoped that the people will think about this matter, and consult with their teachers, that some action looking to a uniform term, may be taken at the township institutes.

The following suggestive report of examination, submitted by one of our ablest teachers, is given here that readers may appreciate the difficulties under which our teachers labor, and the urgent demand for more interest in school matter and better work, both by teachers and pupils.

Dear Sir:—As to the examination for January 1892, I make the following report:

The school could not in my judgment, make an average to exceed sixty-five per cent. The subjoined are a few of the causes.

1. The fourth reader class could not, in a majority of cases, pronounce words of three and four syllables; thus showing premature advancement.
2. (a) Arithmetic class in common fractions could not execute simple long division. (b) Could not add 2-3 and 3-4 and explain the same. (c) Seemed to possess imperfect knowledge of the signs. (d) Had very limited ideas concerning mental operations.
3. Arithmetic class in percentage. (a) Worked in mental arithmetic poor. (b) Lacked knowledge of demonstration. (c) Inattention during recitation.
4. (a) There is but one work in school, on human physiology. (b) Class in same, consisting of three or four persons, have but recently begun the study of the subject. (c) No charts or apparatus for the proper presentation of the subject as presented provided.
5. Several pupils in advanced geography can not read sufficiently well for work in that grade. (b) Could not give the products of the different zones. (c) Correct pronunciations seemed to amuse the class.
6. Work in spelling classes was miserable. (b) No knowledge of phonetic work.
7. Several members of the class do not attend school more than three or four months out of the year.
8. The school is not in session nine months during the year. However, I will go what is possible in the premises, in order to follow the course of study.

For the conditions above noted, teachers and patrons are alike responsible. The former have neglected to do the prescribed work as thoroughly as they should have done, but are some-

what excusable, because of conditions over which they had no control. The latter have failed to provide the necessary apparatus; haven't sent the pupils regularly, and have failed to keep a critical watch over what their children were being taught. Let us all work together to make these conditions better before the close of the year.

School Notes.

A flagstaff has been placed on the West Side building and the new flag was flung to the breeze last Friday afternoon. Pupils from High School, Grammar and Intermediate department contributed the necessary funds.

There is an increasing interest in literary work in the High School and the entertainments are improving. The exercises by the "Bernice" society last Friday were very enjoyable. The program was given in commemoration of Washington's birthday and the room was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The readings and declamations were well rendered and the songs were sung with enthusiasm.

The "Bernice Boomerang" was a spicy effort in the editorial line. Down trodden woman was lifted to a higher sphere.

The debate on the question, "resolved, that Washington's success was due more to his surroundings than to his character," was decided in the negative after a spirited discussion by Will Leach and Etta Calder for the affirmative, and Frank Ganzert and Dora Kern for the negative.

The program closed with a well rendered solo "Washington's Birthday" by Miss Mabel Huey, the school joining in the chorus. A number of visitors graced the occasion by their presence. There was room for more and we believe the people should take a more active interest in what their children are doing in school.

The "Benedicta" will present a Long-fellow program in a few weeks, including a dramatized version of "Miles Standish."

The Senior class has organized and commenced their graduating work. Etta Calder was chosen president and Charlie Simmons, secretary. Bessie Baker will deliver the salutatory and Charlie Simmons the valedictory.

The Alligator recently sent to Eddie Flagler has been prepared and mounted an makes and interesting and valuable addition to the large zoological cabinet prepared by Prof. Fisk. The High School museum is a very fine one and a worthy monument to the deceased professor who devoted so much time and labor to its preparations. Contributions of relics, geological specimens, animals, birds and insects mounted or unmounted will be gladly received and promptly cared for.

Military training, as is known by all familiar with it, is one of the best means of physical culture. A company has been organized among the older boys of the high school and grammar room and a full equipment of guns and accoutrements has been secured for their use. It will no doubt prove an attractive and profitable exercise for them.

D. H. S. A.

Quite a number of the Dwight High School met at the high school room last Saturday afternoon. Miss Nora Goodman, '82, was chosen temporary chairman and Miss Lillie Conrad, '87, temporary secretary. The sentiment was strongly in favor of a reorganization of the Alumni Association but it was thought best to adjourn to meet Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, when many would be present who could not attend in the afternoon.

At the meeting of the alumni at the high school room Tuesday evening, the former constitution was adopted and the following officers chosen: President, Miss Nora Goodman, '82; vice-president, Miss Mildred Gould, '91; recording secretary, Miss Cora Adams, '86; corresponding secretary, Frank Smith, '85; treasurer, Miss Louise McWilliams, '86; executive committee: Misses Nora Goodman, (ex-officio), Effie Baker, '84; Della Pearre, '90. A reunion and banquet will be held at the close of the school year.

"Y" Program.

The "Y" society will hold a social at the home of Mildred Gould, on Friday evening, March 4. All members and honorary members are cordially invited.

The following program will be rendered:

OPENING HYMN.....	Society
SONO.....	Ladies' Senior Quartet
RECITATION.....	Myrtle Martin
INSTRUMENTAL SOLO.....	Maggie Kern
REVIEW—"Work of Women's Club."	
VOCAL SOLO.....	Della Pearre
RECITATION.....	Cora Adams
SONO.....	Addie Fenn
SONO.....	Ladies' Junior Quartet
READING.....	Bessie Huey
SONO.....	Mabel Huey
RECITATION.....	Kittie Martin
SONO.....	Ladies' Senior Quartet