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## 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 Prices before ordering.

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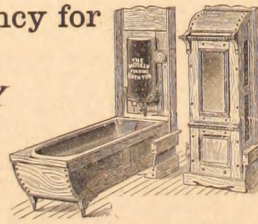
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### SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

Special Assessment Makes Special Kickers.

A Great Many People Don't Like Sewerage Because it Costs Money.

The STAR AND HERALD of June 6, 1891, contained a three column account of the largest public meeting of property holders ever held in Dwight. We do not believe there were twenty-five owners of property absent from that meeting. Everybody was there.

The ladies lent their inspiring presence to the grand occasion. The man with his little home, the man with his elegant home, the man with his store property, the man with his business, the working man, the professional man and in fact, everybody crowded into Kepplinger's hall to lend their aid in furthering the interests of our little city. The band played something about Miss Rooney, or other inspiring air, and everybody was enthusiastic.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Romberger, of the citizens' committee, and speeches made by Hon. O. W. Pollard, Squire Johnson, and Dr. Keeley was sent for and received a hearty reception. After which the following preamble and resolution was read and adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, The Leslie E. Keeley Co. has received favorable propositions to locate elsewhere at d it is the sense of this meeting that we desire them to remain in Dwight.

Resolved, That we recommend that in our behalf as a village, we agree to construct waterworks and sewerage of a capacity suitable for the town, grade and macadamize the road from the I. & I. railroad to the Chicago & Alton on West street, and improve the electric light plant.

Everybody went home happy. It was clearly evident there was no special assessment around loose that night.

Everyone was ready to eat an alderman or mayor for breakfast for not going ahead and doing something quickly. The STAR AND HERALD was also on their trail for public improvements and is yet and always will be until the agreements of the people are lived up to.

The board thus backed up, at one went to work on the water works question, and finally let a contract and proceeded with their work. They were experienced, but did everything honestly and to the best of their judgment. They were still a little backward about going forward until further backing was given them.

The STAR AND HERALD of Nov. 14, 1891, contains an account a second public meeting, at which was represented much of the property of Dwight. This meeting was also very enthusiastic and unanimous. Speeches were made by Col. H. Fox, R. P. Morgan, Chas. L. Romberger, Wm. H. Ketcham, Dr. Payne, Trustees Stevens and Diffenbaugh, B. A. Buck, J. C. Lewis and others, agitating the need of sewerage. At the close of this meeting the following resolutions were unanimously adopted. Not one dissenting voice:

WHEREAS, An emergency has arisen which threatens the lives and property values of the people of Dwight, and their good name, therefore be it

Resolved, That the trustees be and are hereby instructed to take immediate action in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the Citizens' Committee. Also, they are instructed to let all work by contract; that it is feasible to have it done in that way, to the lowest responsible bidder after due public notice. And be it further

Resolved, That if special assessments or any other reasonable or equitable means are employed by the Trustees to obtain the necessary funds, so that they can quickly fulfill the pledges of the citizens to the Leslie E. Keeley Co., and thereby also protect the health of the people, and maintain and increase the value of property, we pledge ourselves to support such action of the Trustees. And we also pledge ourselves that we will reprobate any citizen or public officer who, by technical objections, neglect of duty, or in any manner opposes or causes delay to such action of the Trustees, or to the completion of the work.

A committee was appointed consisting of the following gentlemen to represent the people for six months and co-operate with the village board: R. P. Morgan, chairman; Chas. L. Romberger, Wm. Ketcham, C. J. Judd and J. C. Lewis. These gentlemen and the board immediately went to work to find out the best means of raising the money for a good sewerage system, and after receiving the advice of expert engineers and city officials versed on the question, finally agreed on the special assessment plan as being equitable and just. Engineer Philbrick was employed to make a survey and Commissioners Morgan, Philbrick and Buck, proceeded to levy the assessments to the best of their ability. That they

have done so there is no doubt, and if any mistakes have occurred they will be corrected. If any one has just cause to believe he or she is unjustly assessed, they have recourse in law. That the assessments will prove a slight hardship to some at first is undoubtedly true, but it is exactly on the same principal of building an addition to ones house or making private improvements when a person is hard up. It is a blessing and a comfort in the end.

There are not many men in the world who own a home but would be glad to have their house slops and other filth that necessarily accumulates, removed for \$7 a year for four years and for nothing afterwards. This is what the sewerage system amounts to and it is very cheap—a great deal cheaper than sickness.

There has never yet been a special assessment levied for the first time in any town but the same scenes have been enacted. It is like a subscription to anything. A man puts his name down, but when the collector comes around he kicks himself, and the collector too sometimes. The people of Dwight unanimously agreed that these things should be and the town board and committee have carried out the demands in good faith, and the public have looked on with approval, but, oh my, when the "collector comes around," what a wall goes up. Of course this doesn't apply to that class of citizens that look ahead and see the benefits to health and property to be derived.

Some people take great pleasure in saying that because a man does not happen to own a home he is not interested in these things and has no right to say a word. There isn't a property owner in Dwight that rents houses but gets twice as much rent for them as he did two years ago, but it's worth no more to the renter. He has to pay it or get out. The extra rent he pays in four years will pay for all the special assessments necessary to make Dwight the finest little city in the country. The fact of the matter is that the tenant that lives in a house these times will pay for all the sewerage and other assessments, and these men generally are not kickers. They are ambitious and want to see the town go ahead and soon own property themselves.

The landlords thought they were getting good interest on the money invested when they got \$5 for a house that readily rents from \$10 to \$15 now, and they have no kick coming. They should walk up to the rack and put up their \$27.75 for each 50 feet with a broad and brilliant smile on.

### UNJUST TAXATION

Most of the people in town who talk about special assessment, say they are not against sewerage, but are against unjust assessment. There is no chance for argument there. Everyone is against unjust assessment, but what constitutes unjust assessment, is the question. The state law was undoubtedly framed with this idea in view: That if a man owned a home way out in the city limits and got sewerage sufficient for all purposes, that he is just as much benefited as any man in town, no matter where he is. He may not use the sewer as much as the man that runs a hotel, but he can if he wants to. He can put up as big a residence as he wishes. If the filth and dirt are carried away the same as at the hotel he certainly received the same benefit, although the hotel may be worth \$10,000 and the house \$500. Sewerage accomplishes the same purposes for one that it does for the other. The law is a state law and there is no use blustering around about the commissioners. They have done their work to the best of their judgment, and if they have made mistakes they will rectify them. They do not claim to be infallible like some of their accusers. Is it any great wonder that a few mistakes would occur in such an extensive work. The idea that some people have that "benefit" mean the size of the house, or the numbers of people in it is nonsense. Such an assessment could not be made out in ten years. The idea that one man owning a \$5,000 house in a block could receive any more benefit than the man owning a cottage in the same block is foolish. The both have the same sewer and can use it all they please.

At the meeting last night there was a great deal of talk pro and con, and all agreed that all corrections should be made, but the assessment will be approved and paid just the same.

Col. Henry Fox and Frank Bell went to Pontiac Tuesday to secure an attorney's opinion for those that think they are illegally assessed for sewerage. They did so and the opinion was read last night, a report of which will appear in next week's issue.

### THE KEELEY TREATMENT.

Dr. Chaddock's Letter in Sunday's Chicago Herald Reviewed.

EDITOR DWIGHT STAR AND HERALD:—In a recent issue of the Chicago Herald the editor reproduces a certain number of assertions which he claims were made by one Dr. C. G. Chaddock, assistant custodian of the lunatics of Traverse City. This heterogeneous combination of unproved assertions, might well be treated with silent contempt by every educated physician, were it not for the fact that the Herald claims that Dr. Chaddock may be taken as a fair exponent of the medical profession. The members of the medical profession have no exponent. Each and every intelligent physician has his own opinion and follows his own judgment in every thing pertaining to his profession, regardless of any assumption of superiority made by Dr. Chaddock or any other individual. The burden of Dr. Chaddock's hallucinations appears to be directed against Dr. Keeley's treatment of the liquor habit. In order to effect his purpose he makes strenuous efforts to appear scientific. However, his shallow attempts at science serve only to prove the truth of the old saying,

A little learning is a dangerous thing. Drink deep, or taste not, the pierian springs.

If the Doctor in question were acquainted with even the first principles of science, he would know that gratuitous assertions may be effectually and logically refuted by a simple traverse or denial. For instance, the following assertion is made by the Doctor:

"An appetite, physiological or pathological, is an unpleasant state of sensibility, local or general, which the individual learns intuitively or empirically to remove by supplying the organism with certain materials."

This is a pure asseration which I most emphatically deny. The rules of logic require that the definition must be plainer and clearer than the thing defined, and further, that the definition be concise, comprehensive and exhaustive. All these qualifications are wanting in the above definition. Hence it is worthless. And hence the Doctor's scientific knowledge may with propriety be said to be very circumstantial.

When I read the article in question, I came to this conclusion, that Dr. D. was surely more or less affected by the nature of his surroundings. There is a philosophical axiom, the truth of which is recognized by every person in the possession of ordinary common sense. It is this: "Contra factum non licet argumentare." "It is useless to argue against facts." Now, there are at least fifty thousand living witnesses to prove that Dr. Keeley's treatment has done just exactly what he claims for it. In view of this superabundance of incontrovertible testimony, is it not strange to see men who ought to know better, endeavoring to disparage the noble work which Dr. Keeley has done and is daily doing for poor erring individuals, in particular, and for the human family in general.

Perhaps Dr. Chaddock and others who think as he does, would change their minds, if they would stop and call down from the gallows the innumerable victims who perished there in consequence of crimes perpetrated while under the influence of the demon alcohol, and ask them what they think of Dr. Keeley's heaven born work. Or they might tell the legions who sleep in the ignoble graves of drunkards, to shake the crumbling grave dust from their brows, and come forth in all their hideous whiteness, and declare in their hollow tones of deep despair, whether or not Dr. Keeley is engaged in a laudable enterprise. Verily it may well be said: "With desolation is all the land made desolate for there is no man who thinks in his heart."

B. PATRICK, M. D.

### Business Corner.

The new building being erected on the corner of Delaware and Prairie avenue, by Stevens & Losee is 40x50 feet and to be divided into three departments. The south store is to be 20x50, the north one 20x40, and the little one in the rear, fronting on Chippewa, 10x20 feet. The present building occupied by them will be placed in the rear of the new building fronting north. That will make quite a business corner. The contractors are Cheatham & Co.

### New Election Law.

The STAR AND HERALD office will be supplied with cuts of instructions and all the cuts necessary for printing tickets at the coming elections. It is not necessary to go to the county seat for tickets.

### NEW CREAMERY.

A Grand New Enterprise to be Started in About Two Months.

The new creamery is an assured fact! And it all came about just as easy as rolling off a log. Geo. Taylor informs us that there are about forty-five stock-holders, and that the total amount of stock taken up to the present time is \$5,700, and all taken by farmers except two shares. The total cost of the building, to be erected near the STAR AND HERALD office on East Delaware street, including the sinking of a deep well, is estimated at \$4,950. The report of the committee that visited the northern factories a few weeks since has made it a very easy task to raise the necessary funds. The northern factories pay splendid dividends on money invested, and the factory here will pay a still larger dividend on account of the home market for butter-milk. During the summer months thousands of gallons can be disposed of right here in Dwight at good figures as it will be fresh at all times. The factory will run winter and summer.

A meeting was held yesterday afternoon, a report of which will be published next week, also a list of stock-holders, size and location of building, etc., etc.

### Entertainment.

That the people of Dwight are thoroughly interested in the welfare of the Dwight Bachelors of Gold Club was clearly evident by the spontaneous patronage given them at their Thursday night's entertainment.

The club membership certainly has diversified talent that would do credit to any stage, literary, musical, or dramatic, in the country.

The program was carefully prepared and the arrangements made for the comfort of what they thought a large number, but their success was far beyond their expectations. Every seat in the house was taken in ten minutes, standing room was gone in five, and a large number went home unable to gain an entrance. As the home club is in debt this will assist them materially financially.

The Dwight orchestra opened the entertainment with one of its excellent selections, which was followed by "Moonlight Will Come Again," by the lady quartette, consisting of Misses Minnie Lower, Addie Penn, Minnie Barr and Cora Adams. They were loudly applauded on each appearance and certainly deserved it for their singing was excellent. Hugh Gordon's "The Hat," a translation from the French, was finely rendered. So was also Miss Taxis' piano solo.

C. Meyer, a negro minstrel specialty artist, amused the audience greatly by his comedies and songs.

Col. Vischer, editor of a daily newspaper in Tacoma, Wash., and an old acquaintance and amanuensis to Geo. W. Prentice, of the Louisville Journal, took the audience by storm with his impersonations of Mr. Prentice dictating to Mr. Vischer, after an interview with Geo. Francis Train, was very laughable, so also was his impersonation of Bill Nye and his dog "Etomologist." Col. Vischer is one of the ablest newspaper men in this country, and as a lecturer he stood at one time about as popular as Bill Nye. He is a whole entertainment by himself.

G. M. Ely, the efficient cashier of the Leslie E. Keeley Co., sang "Love's Sorrow," in a splendid manner, and met with the applause he richly deserved.

F. Kranager rendered two violin solos which were highly appreciated.

T. E. Conlin, the manager of the "opera house program," sang two comic songs which were received with uproarious applause. Conlin is a genius, sure.

"Life's Dream is O'er," by Misses Mabel Huey and Lizzie Winkler, was very nicely rendered and appreciated by applause.

Miss Lee rendered a vocal selection which was appreciated by all. B. W. Merrill's "Civil War" was all right.

A piano solo by Miss Taxis was very prettily rendered. Messrs. Daniel Murphy and S. S. Evans were not in it on account of sickness.

Taken as a whole the entertainment was one of the best listened to in Dwight, and it is certainly a pity that we have not an opera house of sufficient size to accommodate the public, so that they might be held at least once a month. The arrangements were well made and carried out successfully, with the exception of room, which was not the committee's fault.

The committee was composed of the following gentlemen: Chas. G. McNeil, Chairman; T. E. Conlin, J. Reed, F. O. Lund, C. Meyer, S. S. Evans, and P. C. Ross.

Col. Vischer in behalf of the club returned thanks to the citizens and all those that had kindly assisted them in entertainment.