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## NELSON'S TAILORING PARLORS.

213 EAST MAIN STREET,  
STREATOR, ILL.

We are showing a Fine Line of Spring and Summer Woolens. If you are in need of a Summer Suit you should see them. Our prices are as low as First-Class Merchant Tailoring can be produced. You can see samples at McPherson House every two weeks.

Respectfully,

**N. NELSON.**

J. G. BAKER, Salesman.

## Special Announcement TO CASH BUYERS.

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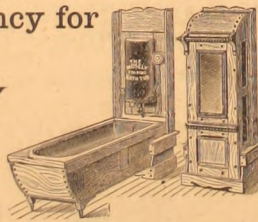
by which I can furnish my trade anything in my line at very low prices, quality of goods considered. I now show the largest and finest assortment of

### 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.

### 38 ACRES

Inside the City limits. Finest building location near Dwight Right opposite

## Renfrew Park.

For sale by Lots or Blocks at reasonable terms. Enquire of

**WM. H. TAYLOR.**

### SEWER GAS.

There's Lots of it in Town—It Escapes Before the Sewer is Built.

As announced in last week's STAR AND HERALD the indignation meeting, or objectors' meeting, or whatever it may be called, was held in the town house Friday evening. It was a one sided affair, and anyone who didn't agree with the crowd might as well have stayed away.

Mr. Philbrick, the engineer, who drew the ordinance and superintended most of the special assessment matter, was present, ready and willing to answer all questions put to him, but not one was asked him. They knew all they wanted to. They didn't propose, to have anything explained that might keep them out of court. Some of those present said they were decidedly in favor of sewerage, but the cross motion and objections entered at the recommendation of the meeting, if approved by Judge Wallace, would knock the whole sewerage business as cold as a wedge.

Henry Fox was elected chairman, Mr. Hills secretary, and Alf. Baker, treasurer. All three of these gentlemen are well fixed financially, and can well afford to stand the cost of improvements. Mr. Fox has sewerage of his own, which he put in several years ago, and has really more reason for opposition than the rest, but there are a number of others in the same fix. The residents on the north side of Mazon Avenue, west to J. R. Oughton's residence, put in sewerage last season, but they are all willing for a better system to be put in and pay their assessments. Remember that a great many men in the meeting claim it is only unjust assessment that they complain of. There is not a man in Dwight to-day that believes in unjust assessment. But the meeting deliberately inspires objections that in the opinion of all the lawyers concerned would put a stop to the whole business. It looks to a "man up a tree" as if they were against the whole business but didn't want to say so for some reason of their own. The objections were filed with Judge Wallace, and attorneys Harding and Terry, of Pontiac employed to prosecute.

The case was called Tuesday and continued to 1:30 Wednesday. Hon. Geo. W. Patton opened the case for the village, and merely dwelt on the fact that the objections to the special assessment were brought before the court in a wrong manner and that the cross motion and objections should not receive the consideration of the court until brought according to law. He proved that his position was correct by reference to supreme court decisions. Mr. Terry and Mr. Harding followed, the latter in a two hours speech relative to the nature and solidity of the objections filed, but as the point before the court was whether the objections were properly filed or not, Mr. Harding's speech had no bearing, and was a loss of wind.

Mr. McElduff, of the firm of McElduff & Torrence, who are employed by the Village, next followed. He knocked one of the objections silly the first blow, and that is that Mr. Philbrick was an incompetent commissioner on account of not being a resident of the county. Mr. McElduff stated that property holders were the incompetent commissioners, and this point would disqualify Mr. Buck. The objectors and their attorneys certainly gained a point there, but it was through the kindness of the attorney for the Village, that they gained it, and not through their own knowledge.

Mr. McElduff also expressed an opinion that some of the articles under which the ordinance was drawn had been repealed under a later act of the legislature. But he informed a reporter while in Dwight Thursday, that after looking the matter up, he had found that the ordinance was legal. If there is anything that will cause the making out of a new assessment it is the fact that Mr. Buck is a disqualified commissioner on account of being an interested property holder. But Mr. McElduff stated that as the other two commissioners are competent, that the present assessment might stand. He also stated that if blocks have been assessed as lots and not been platted, or any lots omitted, that in his opinion the corrections can be made as amendments to the assessment roll. If this can be done it will save a great deal of trouble, as the contract for the sewer has been let, orders have been issued on the sewer fund drawing interest, and many other steps taken which will place the present town board in a bad position.

The final argument on the objections, the competency of commissioners, etc., comes up this morning before Judge

Wallace, and will undoubtedly be decided to-day. From what we have seen and heard in regard to the matter we believe a new assessment will have to be made, and that Judge Wallace will give his opinion regarding the same, and that when it comes before him for his approval he will comply immediately and there will be no further delay. This, however, will delay matters some time, as the county court will not be in session until June, unless the Judge could be prevailed upon to continue the present term from day to day until the matter is adjusted. The members of the town board and citizens' committee should look into this matter immediately.

### BOARD MEETING.

A Vagrant Ordinance Will Be Drawn Up, Which Will Provide for Bums to Work on the Streets.

About the most important thing suggested by the village dads Tuesday night, was that an ordinance be drawn up providing that tramps pay the penalty of vagrancy by working on the streets. The town has been infested for some time by these traveling gentry, and such an ordinance will either keep them away or the town will get some good out of them. The ordinance should be passed immediately so that the authorities can put some of the victims cleaning crossings.

The members of the board were all present. A petition from the B. C. of G. C. was read, asking that the license money for their recent entertainment be remitted. The board has made churches pay license for entertainments and they did not see how they could consistently remit one without remitting the other, and consequently refused to grant the petition.

Mayor Thompson reported that the law firm of McElduff & Torrence had been engaged to defend the village in the sewer cases.

Fire Marshal Keeley was present and made a report to the board as follows:

DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON CO., MARCH 8, '92

WALLACE OF THESEES:  
Two torches.  
Seventy-five feet of 1/2 inch rope.  
Four rubber coats.  
Four helmets.  
Four hundred feet of cotton hose.  
Repairs for four Babcock extinguishers.

I would also suggest having a sloping sidewalk built along side or in front of the apparatus house, 60 feet long and 10 feet wide for the purpose of draining and cleaning hose after a fire; and as an adjunct to this sidewalk, have a service pipe laid, to which can be attached a small garden hose for the purpose of supplying water necessary to wash off the apparatus and hose.

On the evening of February 5th the fire company was organized, and at the present time we have thirty-nine members on the roll, and I desire that this company shall be recognized by the trustees and some provisions made for their maintenance as was the custom with the former volunteer department. Trusting these suggestions will meet with your approval, I remain,  
Most respectfully,  
M. R. KEELEY.

The waterworks committee and the chief were instructed to purchase the articles as recommended in the report. The board also voted to pay each member of the department \$4 per year.

The question of sidewalk or road across the Alton was discussed, but as the board did not know the wishes of the people the matter was laid over.

We think it is the general wish of the people that there be no wagon road across the track between Mazon avenue and Chippewa street. The present crossing and another one north near the west side park, we think, is about what is needed and wanted.

The city clerk now has a very fine antique oak desk and office chair in which to keep his papers and books and sit while writing up the proceedings of the meetings.

Cheap Special Assessment.  
We find upon inquiry that the special assessment as levied in Dwight is about the cheapest ever levied in the state for similar purposes. While in Rockford recently we made inquiry where sewers were being put in at the time, and found out that the special assessment was \$1.40 per foot front. It is 55 cents here. In most places it is double what it is in Dwight.

### BUTTER.

That's What Will Be Made in Dwight in Large Quantities in the near Future.

All the arrangements have been perfected for the erection and operation of a first-class creamery in Dwight. Business will commence about May 1, and work on the building will probably commence next week. The location will be near the STAR AND HERALD office, and if we don't get all the buttermilk we want there will be a kick. We publish herewith the names of the stockholders and the number of shares of stock taken. Each share represents \$100, and the total stock taken is \$5,500, as follows:

G. L. Taylor	2
Client Swick	2
Liggett & Fenn	1
Baker Bros	1
A. B. Conant	1
R. Dunlap	2
Peter Heinan	2
Jeff Noregard	1
L. B. Lake	1
R. E. Bunting	2
J. M. Burnham	2
W. J. Bunting	1
C. Henline	1
Jacob M. Smith	2
Richard Nelson	1
A. Marshall	1
J. A. Nissen	2
Mr. Laass	1
John P. Schroeder	1
J. Ed. Christman	1
John Christman	1
Edward Darman	1
M. Kennedy	1
Jacob Christian	1
A. B. Radcliff	1
F. B. Chester	1
Hugh Williamson	1
David Dippin	1
Geo. Hahn	1
Peter Reike	1
E. Groosh	1
L. J. Burger	1
Leonard Hoffman	1
Louis Seeger	1
Fred Burkhardt	1
John C. Roeder	1
F. J. Vickery	2
Phil Shindler	1
G. E. Kirkendall	1
Jens A. Smith	2
G. A. Boyer	1
Leander Potter	1
James Hagerty	1
W. T. Prime	2

Mr. Davis, of Chicago, arrived here Friday morning, and proceeded at once to lay out the grounds for the creamery. He informs us that the building will be 40x50, one story frame; a 12-horse boiler and 8-horse engine will do the work, having a capacity of handling 2,500 pounds of milk per day. It is expected to be completed and in running order in sixty days.

### Rockford Keeley Institute.

During a visit to Rockford, Ill., the first of the week, we were shown through the building to be occupied by the Keeley institute, by Mr. Cutting, formerly of Dwight. Capt. Reynolds is the manager, Dr. Mayhew the attendant physician, and H. H. Cutting, the advertising agent. The situation of the institute is 123 North Main street, in a quiet part of the city. As Mr. Cutting tersely expressed it: "If you don't believe it is quiet, just ask the man that runs a store there a short time ago; he failed." It is in a two-story tastefully built brick building near the heart of the most wonderful city in the country, and occupies the ground floor 20x60 feet. The front part of the store is used as a reception room and business office, and the rear will be used as a treatment hall, laboratory, etc. The whole is neatly furnished and presents a handsome appearance. All three gentlemen connected with the enterprise are Dwight graduates, and are pleasant and popular people. We anticipate that this will shortly be one of the most flourishing branch institutes in the country. We understand that arrangements have already been made and that the institute will start up next week with at least ten patients, and will increase right along. The prominent people in Rockford are greatly interested in the work and are fast becoming to believe that it is the only true and sure way of reclaiming the many victims of dipsomania.

### To Be Removed.

The old forlorn delapidated C. & A. passenger depot will soon be removed to some point south of Chippewa street and the new and elegant passenger station occupied. The Alton road, we understand, has other improvements under consideration which will still more add to the convenience and comfort of our people. The railroad land will be parked, the old elevator moved out. Probably the most important move, though, is the erection of a viaduct for the accommodation of people crossing from East to West street. As there are trains standing near the depot most of the time, and a large amount of switching going on, a viaduct will prove of great benefit, both as regards safety and time.

### Death of Mrs. Wilson.

Elizabeth Viletta Wilson passes from our midst in the prime of life, being only 33 years, 7 months and 3 days old. For nearly 18 years she traveled life's journey with him who is now so suddenly called to part with his companion. One little daughter preceded her to the land beyond. One daughter remains with the father to mourn the loss of mother. She and her family came from Michigan to this state settling in Dwight 1 year and 5 months ago. To husband and daughter we come to-day with sympathy and help such as we can give, and with earnest desire that the God of all comfort may be known to them in comforting and sustaining power.

### Handsome Improvements.

In an article recently published in the STAR AND HERALD under the caption "Up in G," we gave some idea of the improvements being made on Waupian street, but we hardly did the subject justice. Dr. Keeley has perfected plans for the erection of a beautiful colonial residence on the Fenn property. Yesterday he purchased another lot of Dr. Oakshett, and now owns five lots. We understand that when the improvements that Dr. Keeley has in view are matured he will undoubtedly have the finest residence and surroundings in this part of the country. The beautiful residences of W. E. Fenn, Ed. Harrison, Mr. Fifield, D. B. Stevens, Mr. Haise, and others further west, which are nearly ready for occupancy, add materially to the beauty of the locality.

The beautiful block opposite these residences, owned by Hon. O. W. Pollard, contains eighteen lots which cannot be beaten in Dwight for elegant building sites. To add more to its beauty in the future, Mr. Pollard, this week, deeded to the village a strip of land on the south front of the block five feet wide and 455 long, so as to give sufficient room between the line of the lots and the beautiful shade trees for a ten or twelve foot sidewalk. That will make a handsome promenade.

Mr. J. R. Oughton has purchased six lots on the west end of the block, three fronting on Waupian and three on North streets, which makes a beautiful building site 150x385 feet. Mr. Oughton contemplates the erection of a handsome modern residence in the near future. The remaining twelve lots in Mr. Pollard's block are as follows: Six on Waupian 220 feet deep and six on North 175 feet deep. On the north side of the block is a beautiful hedge, a grove adorns the northwest part of Oughton's lots and handsome shade trees surround it. It is indeed, very desirable property.

### Benedicta.

The entertainment given at the high school under the auspices of the Benedicta Literary Society, of Dwight High School, last evening was excellent. The beautiful drama "The Courtship of Miles Standish," and a fine program consisting of musical selections and literary selections from Longfellow, was rendered.

The members of the society deserve great credit for the manner in which they perfected the arrangements. Prof. Schlabach has been untiring in his efforts to bring about success and has succeeded admirably. Particular credit is due to the scholars and all outsiders for the fine manner in which they rendered the parts assigned them. The program rendered is as follows:

- PART I.
1. QUARTETTE—"Sunrise," - - - White Misses Adams, Fenn, Barr and Lower.
  2. Biographical Sketch of Longfellow, Miss Mamie Peterson.
  3. VOCAL SOLO—"The Bridges," Longfellow, Mr. Arthur Harris.
  4. RECITATION—"Hiawatha's Sailing," Longfellow, Mr. Charles J. Perry.
  5. VOCAL SOLO—"The Bridges," Longfellow, Miss Cora Adams.
  6. INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—Selected, Miss Carrie Knudson.
- PART II.
- "THE COURTSHIP OF MILES STANDISH."  
The following will be given at interludes:
1. INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—Selected, Mr. Frank Ford.
  2. GUITAR DUET—"Spanish Fandango," Messrs. Adams and Harris.
  3. INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—Selected, Miss Carrie Knudson.
  4. RECITATION—Selected, Prof. C. E. Schlabach.
  5. VOCAL SOLO—Selected, Mr. Arthur Harris.
- CHARACTERS IN DRAMA.  
Miles Standish, Captain of Plymouth, JOHN ALDEN, Standish's Secretary, CHAS. A. SIMMONS, Priscilla, a Puritan Maiden, MISS ADDIE BAKER, Elder, - - - - - BENJ. F. ELFRINK, Messenger, - - - - - FRANKLIN ELFRINK.  
Scene 1.—Standish's House.  
Scene 2.—Priscilla's House.  
Scene 3.—Standish's House.  
Scene 4.—Room in Puritan House—Council.  
Scene 5.—Out of Doors.  
Scene 6.—Room in Priscilla's House.  
Scene 7.—Room in Puritan House.