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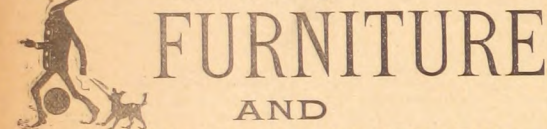
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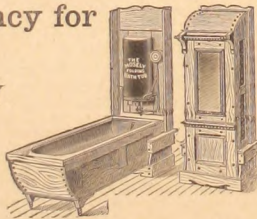
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ever placed on sale in Dwight. I also have the agency for the popular

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For Sale.

Sealed Proposals will be received by Rev. Robert Conover, Chairman of the Property Committee of the Presbytery, of Bloomington, for the sale of the property known as the Presbyterian Church, of Dwight, Illinois. The right is reserved to reject any or all of the bids. Terms, one-third cash, balance in one and two years with six per cent interest.

Bids to be addressed to Rev. Robert Conover, care of S. T. K. Prime, Dwight, Illinois. This offer to remain open until May 9, 1892, at 12 o'clock, noon.

R. CONOVER,

Chairman of Com. of Bloomington Presbytery.

S. T. K. PRIME, Agent for Committee.

or. April 8th, 1892.

Plant, Odorless, summer pays for no tin or glass with every purchase.

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ADJOURNED MEETING.

The Board Meets and the Heads of Different Committees Report.

NOT MUCH MONEY IN THE TREASURY, BUT LOTS OF PLUCK IN THE COUNCIL.

A. BRUBAKER ELECTED VILLAGE TREASURER.

The adjourned meeting of the new village board Monday night brought out many facts of interest relating to the financial condition of the village.

It was found that the corporation was in debt about seven thousand dollars, outside of the \$8,500 water bonds issued, and that there was only about \$300 in the general fund for current expenses. Most of the indebtedness is on the water works, and about \$1,000 on special sewerage fund, which, in the opinion of the board, can be wiped out by special assessment.

The questions regarding the financial conditions were puzzlers to the members of the board, and it was finally unanimously decided to get the opinions of McIluff & Torrance upon the condition of affairs and report as soon as practicable. There is certainly some fine legal points to be decided in the matter before any orders will be issued by the new board, as it will positively refuse to issue orders until the responsibility for the same can be placed. Mr. Romberger or any of the members of the board cannot be blamed for this. But there is certainly some way out of it. Many corporations are indebted much more than this, and cities are indebted millions of dollars for improvements, and everything goes along all right.

The judiciary committee recommended that McIluff & Torrance be employed in the sewerage ordinance, and we believe it was practically decided to employ the firm for one year, or during the time the special improvements are going on.

The sewerage committee reported that the old board had passed an ordinance that seemed to be satisfactory to the people, and that the special assessment commissioners, Barr, Conant and Trunnell, were about ready to report, and that the report would be filed in the county court ten days before the next session in June, or in about ten days. The publication of the proposal for bids has been published three weeks today, and when the report is approved by the judges, the contract will be let and work pushed immediately.

The street and alley committee is in the tureen, as it were, as regards money, and may have to resort to special assessment to proceed with their work. The committee reported that they had leased ground for a pound near the stock yards, and that the lumber was on the ground, so we will have a pound if we don't lay up a cent.

The water works committee reported that everyone wanted water and was willing to pay rent, but there were no financial means of extending the system. Supplies are also needed. Also recommended that the board order material direct and not through any second party, so that if there were any commissions the city would get the benefit of them.

If anyone has been getting commissions the matter should be sifted out and the parties receiving same made known to the public. There is a good deal of talk about this matter, but the parties making such charges should "either put up or shut up." Any reliable information furnished the STAR AND HERALD in regard to the matter will be published no matter who it hits, but if people are belittling men's character without provocation they should be prosecuted for criminal libel. Right is right.

The applications of L. A. Naffziger and A. Brubaker for village treasurer were read and the board proceeded to ballot which resulted in the election of Brubaker by a vote of 3 to 2, Taylor being absent.

The applications for marshal were laid over until the board should decide whether they would have a street commissioner or not, and he act as day man and have a night man also. There is not being much money in the treasury there will probably be only one and Bob Orr will probably be his own successor. Bob has made a good marshal and there is no reason for changing. The other applicants are also good men.

Miller Bros. and Geo. Kepplinger were granted permits to erect buildings.

Republican State Convention.

One thousand two hundred and thirty-five republicans of Illinois, representing that party, met at Springfield, Ill., this week, and placed in nomination the following candidates:

For Governor—Joseph W. Fifer.
For Lieut-Governor—Lyman B. Ray.
For Secretary of State—L. N. Pearson.
For Auditor—Gen. C. W. Peavy.
For State Treasurer—Henry L. Hertz.
For Attorney General—Geo. Prince.
For Trustees of State University—Messrs. Philbrick, Cobb and Stinson.
For Congressmen at Large—Geo. S. Willits, of Chicago, and Richard Yates, of Jacksonville.

The convention was called to order at 2 p. m., Tuesday and after organizing by electing Congressman Hopkins temporary chairman and appointing the several committees, and listening to an enthusiastic speech from the chairman, the convention adjourned until 9 a. m. Wednesday.

The temporary organization was made permanent, and the delegates were in their seats from the calling to order until about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and representative hall was like an oven. Republican headquarters were at the Leland, and the proprietor informed the writer that he entertained the largest crowd Wednesday since 1880.

Following was the representation from Livingston county: John Virgin, R. C. Straight, R. M. Johns, Ralph Bradford, G. W. Patton, J. P. Phillips, W. E. Wright, W. G. Dustin, J. Mills, E. R. Stewart, A. N. Mitchell, E. A. Bangs, E. A. Phillips.

Among the visitors were Clark, of the Pontiac Sentinel; DuBois, of the Fairbury Blade; Uncle John Bodley, Deputy Circuit Clerk Fraley, and others from the county. The delegation arrived home Friday morning.

DREARY EFFORT AT SENSATIONALISM.

Wild Fabrications a Paper Grouped About an Insignificant Fact.

The following in the Chicago Tribune of May 4th, is an explanation of the article that appeared in the Chicago Herald a few days ago. It speaks for itself.

A sensational article in a Chicago morning paper yesterday told of a threatened danger to Dr. Leslie E. Keeley at the hands of an infuriated woman because of some alleged or imaginary injury done to her dead husband. A representative of the Tribune yesterday saw Dr. Keeley at Dwight. Dr. Keeley said:

"Friday I was in Chicago on business. I was called upon by Superintendent of Police McLaughry at the Tremont House, and the call was strictly friendly, not made by appointment, and was in no way a business nature. During our conversation, I inadvertently took from my pocket some letters, and my eyes resting upon the one referred to in the newspaper, I remarked: 'Well, Superintendent, I suppose you too occasionally receive threatening letters. He answered: 'Yes, often and I am glad to learn that I am not the only one favored with them.' Supt. McLaughry then took the letter, and looking at the writing said: 'Let me take this letter; I believe that I know the writer of it.' I handed the letter to him and the matter rests there.

"There is nothing further about it. The entire story outside of the facts given you is purely a newspaper fabrication. The letter is one of two or three that I have received during the last six months, all apparently written by the same unknown person."

Congressional Convention.

The congressional convention of the Ninth district was called to order Monday at 1:30, in the opera house in Fairbury, Mr. Munser being elected as chairman. The counties in the district, Kankakee, Livingston, Iroquois, Ford, Woodford and Marshall, were well represented, and the following gentlemen were placed in nomination for the congressional race, Hons. Chris. Strawn, of Livingston; Wheeler, of Kankakee; Palmer, of Iroquois, and Brubaker, of Marshall. Mr. Wheeler won on the thirteenth ballot.

It was an exciting contest from start to finish, and one of the queer things was that Ford county went completely back on Strawn or he would have been nominated. Rev. Palmer led in the balloting until the final ballot, when Wheeler got 31 and Palmer 24, Livingston joining the Wheeler forces. The nomination was made unanimous, and Wheeler, Strawn and Palmer made ratification speeches. The congressional district race will be between Wheeler and Snow, the present incumbent.

John H. Collier, of Ford county, was nominated for member of state board of equalization.

E. R. Munson was recommended as elector and Wilson, of Woodford and Rankin, of Marshall, as delegates to the national convention. Carrithers, of Fairbury, is one of the alternates.

Major Judd, of Dwight, served on the committee on credentials, but there were no contests.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

By Prof. Foster.

Treasurers must all be appointed, or re-appointed, immediately after the election of trustees in even numbered years. Treasurers must file a new bond immediately after appointment or re-appointment, in even numbered years. Treasurers must not turn over books, papers, moneys, securities, or anything pertaining to the office, until their successor's bonds have been accepted by the Co. Supt. of Schools, and they receive notification to that effect from him. Treasurers must not be borrowers of the township funds, and if borrowers when appointed, they must take up their loans before their bonds can be approved or the office turned over to them. Treasurers cannot make a loan to a trustee, nor accept a trustee for surety, and if a trustee is a borrower or surety at the time of his election, the note can not be renewed or extended, but must be paid off at maturity, or in case of suretyship some one else must be taken instead. It will be well if these legal requirements be rigidly observed.

The contracts for uniform text books were recently sent to the publishers. A part of them are already back in this office. As soon as all are returned, they will be sent out to the various districts. There are a few districts, about eighteen, that have not sent in contracts. Of this number, all but four, or possibly five, have the uniform series of books, and to those I will say, they can get obtain books on the same favorable terms as other districts, by writing to me. This applies to all books except U. S. History.

A number of directors were elected recently, who, it is said, cannot read or write in the English language. Several anonymous letters have been received making such charges, and demanding investigation on my part. I desire that it be distinctly understood that I shall ignore any charges of that character. The person giving information against a director, to the effect that he cannot read and write in English, must properly sign such charges and get a second or third party to witness with him, if possible, as to the correctness of the same, before I can consider the matter. A man or woman, to be eligible to the office of school director, must be over 21 years of age, and a native or naturalized citizen of the United States. A wife is not a citizen on the ground that her husband has taken out his papers.

There are two or three boards of directors in this county who are endeavoring to force teachers to agree to use in their school none of the books of the uniform series. It is difficult to find words sufficiently expressive to rightly define their quality of patriotism and loyalty to the cause of good education. Teachers are cautioned not to become the tools of such designers, on pain of dismissal from the teaching force of this county. There is a dearth of teachers in this county, but rather than attempt to profit (?) by the work of willing or unwilling tools of secret enemies of our school system, it would be far better to close such schools as are unable to obtain the services of men and women.

The work of grading the district schools is progressing more favorably than we dared to hope. Some good people looked for immediate results, and are, no doubt, disappointed. We do not expect to make a great showing until the close of 1893, when the least observant will be convinced that it was more powerful for good than was claimed for it. The result of the systematizing of things this year, has been the application of over one hundred pupils to take the central examination. It is expected that a goodly number of these will pass the central and final examinations, and receive their diplomas. I hope every earnest teacher and parent, caring for the welfare of the children, will try to double this number next year.

The county course of study will be ready about July 1st. Those desiring a copy of the manual now in use can obtain one by sending ten cents to the Public School Pub. Co., Bloomington, Ill. A synopsis of the May and June work will appear in the School News of May 10. This is re-printed by request for the guidance of those who did not get the outline at the institute.

We need six teachers to fill vacancies. Should this fact come to the knowledge of any unemployed teacher, I trust he or she will communicate with me at once. Any information on the subject will be gratefully received.

The central examination for pupils who are this year contemplating the eighth year's work, and who have made an average of 80 per cent, or over on their previous examinations, will be held at the places mentioned below, on

Saturday, May 14: Waldo and Nebraska townships, at Panagan; Long Point, at Long Point village; Reading, at Reading village; Pike, at the school house in the center of the township; Rooks Creek, at Graymont; Amity, at Cornell; Newton, at the school house in Dist. No. 5; Eppards Point, Esmer and Owego townships, Pontiac; Sunbury, at Blackstone; Indian Grove and Avoca, at Fairbury; Odell and Nevada, at Odell; Fayette, at Strawn; Forrest, at the school house in Dist. 5; Saunemin, Pleasant Ridge and Union, at Saunemin; Dwight, at Dwight; Germanville, Chatsworth and Charlotte, at Chatsworth; Sullivan, at Cullom; Broughton, at Emington; Round Grove, at Campus.

Treasurers are urged to report at once the organization of village boards to me. Directors are also urged to report the clerk of the board and the teacher employed, together with the P. O. address of both. State also the time of commencing, length of term and salary of teacher. It is imperative that we receive these reports promptly at the beginning of each term. Teachers will please report their district and P. O. address at once. Only about a fifth of the districts are as yet reported.

Pickles and Sour Kraut.

Mr. James Kelagher informs us that parties are now in Chicago, from the east, seeking for a location to start a factory that will employ from 1000 to 1500 men. The company wish to purchase four or five hundred acres of land within seventy-five miles of Chicago, and including the plant, will invest \$250,000. We understand the parties have been written to and asked to come to Dwight and investigate.

Here is just where the need of a good, working improvement association with money to investigate these things come in. Every day the metropolitan press contains news of some factories looking for location, which should receive the attention of such a committee. The people cannot expect one man to bear the expense of going and coming and inquiring into these things, they must all chip in a little and help the matter along. Organization, a little energy, push and pluck are all that is necessary. It seems that every one is willing but each one is waiting for the other to make a start.

The Mighty Waters.

After viewing the damage and trouble caused a number of our neighboring sister cities by the late rains, it is surely a great satisfaction to our people to see with what rapidity the large amount of water was carried away through the little channel of the Gooseberry. It had been a general comment that as soon as the heavy spring rains would come, the buildings located along the banks of this noted stream would be materially damaged, if not wiped out of existence. The storm has come, and it is said to have been the heaviest rainfall ever experienced in this locality.

The benefit derived from this is owing, to a large extent, to the work done by James Austin and Ketchem & Smith.

Badly Hurt.

As the mail train from the north was coming into Dwight Wednesday noon, a painter by the name of Dixon, whose home is in Wenona, jumped off about 100 yds. south of the I. I. & I. crossing. The train was going at a greater speed than he was aware of, and resulted in throwing him violently against the north track. The train was stopped and backed up where the young man lay. He was picked up and brought to town, and railroad physician, Dr. Conway, called. His injuries at first seemed serious. But aside from a severe shaking up and strained wrist, was able to go to his home Thursday.

Death of Little Jennie Mills.

Death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mills Wednesday morning, the 2nd inst., and took away their little girl, Jennie, aged five years. It was very slow to the parents, as it was not thought the child was dangerously ill. The cause of her death was rheumatism of the heart. The funeral was held Thursday at 2 o'clock, at the M. E. church, Rev. Conard officiating. The sympathy of the entire community is with the stricken parents.

Dr. McAdams Insane.

Dr. McAdams, who was sent to Joliet five years from Gardner, is said to be insane, and is at the present time in the hospital at Joliet. The doctors say there is no doubt of his sanity, and that it is impossible to transfer him to Kankakee owing to his dangerous illness. It is also stated that the probabilities are that he will not recover.