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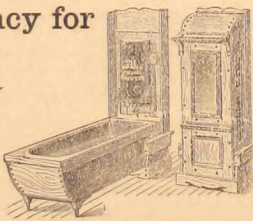
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I herewith announce myself as a candidate for Representative to the popular branch of the Illinois State Legislature, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention to be held in the court house in Pontiac, Thursday, June 20, 1892. BAILEY A. GOWER.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for Representative to the popular branch of the Illinois State Legislature subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention to be held at Pontiac Thursday, June 20. D. B. WALKER.

A BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

The Reception Given in the New Home of the Club.

The beautiful and pleasant Hahn residence, now the property of the Leslie E. Keeley Co., and the new audience hall to be occupied by the Bichloride of Gold club, was the scene of an elegant entertainment and reception given Thursday evening. The old residence, could it reflect in a mirror, would not know itself at present. It has been completely renovated inside and out and presents a handsome and inviting appearance, and the audience room in which the club will hold its sessions, is neatly fitted for comfort and pleasure, and the grounds surrounding both could hardly be improved. Both buildings and the large piazza were brilliantly illuminated by electricity, the sweet strains of Hand's Chicago orchestra vibrated through the halls and rooms, and the visions of female loveliness in beautiful costumes flitted to and fro, and handsome gentlemen clad in appropriate evening dress, models of gallantry to the ladies, presented a social scene never equalled in Dwight. As if by arrangement with Gen. Greeley, of the weather department, the rain stopped about 8 o'clock and the stars peeped forth, and by 8:30 or 9:00 o'clock the sky was as clear as a crystal. The guests commenced to arrive by 8:30 and continued to pour in until 10:30. They were all accorded a hearty reception by a committee, consisting of Major and Mrs. C. J. Judd, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Oughton, and Mayor and Mrs. Chas. L. Romberger. The dressing and cloak rooms were upstairs, from which the visitors were escorted into the audience room. This building has been elongated, repainted and decorated, and a platform erected on which was stationed the orchestra. Draped across the hall in the rear of the platform were the stars and stripes, from window to window, and brilliantly illuminated.

The entertainment committee consisted of Dr. and Mrs. Blaine, and the selection was excellent, and they did all in their power to make everything pleasant for the guests. They were ably assisted by the reception committee, and indeed, all the employees of the Keeley Company lent helping and willing hands.

The lower rooms in the main building were utilized in which to serve refreshments, which consisted of a bountiful supply of ice cream, strawberries and cake, and was enjoyed by all. It was noticed that during the fore part of the evening, when the guests were visiting, that the young, and some of the old, people's eyes wandered longingly toward the orchestra. Their longings were gratified when the word was given to "Follow the Leader." After this everyone present, who so desired, tripped the "light fantastic" as much as they pleased, and some of them pleased until a late hour.

The first reception given in the new club quarters will long be remembered by those present, as a pleasant, happy event in the social life in Dwight.

SQUIBS.

Spiketail coats were there, but in a minority.

The electricity made a grand showing away up town.

Several ladies were in full evening costume.

The music was a grand feature of the occasion.

Carriages were brought into requisition.

Dwight's 400, more or less, are surely in the swim.

The inclement weather scared a great many.

"Wasn't it nice?"

"Just a lovely time," the girls all say.

"When will the next one be?"

Sewerage.

Messrs. Lou Trunnell, Burt Baker and Zeph Winters are hard at work on the new special assessment roll. We understand that this time more attention will be paid to the valuation of the property to be benefited, and the assessment will be divided into four classes. This will undoubtedly be more satisfactory to all concerned, and will be immediately approved by the court.

Cross Caught.

Who would have thought it? That Cross, that sanctimonious visaged Cross, that happy-go-lucky Cross, that good-natured Cross, was playing a double game on his employers and on the people of Dwight. To all outside intents and purposes he seemed to be all right; he attended church regularly; attended church entertainments; and was welcomed wherever he went, but all this seemed to have been surmounted by knocking-down spirit that eventually got away with him. Butchers are generally imbued with a knock down and drag out spirit, especially in the slaughterhouse, but Cross' ability seems to have been applied to the money drawer instead of the slaughter house. Mr. Cross has been a resident of Dwight for about two years or more, and employed by Stevens & Losee, and latterly by Palmer & Smith, successors of Stevens & Losee. How long he has been taking money from the till is not known, but now that he has been caught and acknowledged taking money, his former employers think they were robbed too, and may be they were, but if so they are liable to stay robbed, as Cross has left for parts unknown. The way Palmer & Smith played detective and caught Cross is about as follows:

They suspicioned Cross for some time. The ice box in their new market is about eighteen inches from the partition on the south side, and is boarded up nicely in front, but leaves a place large enough for a man to crowd in from the rear. The proprietors bored a small hole through the boards on a line with the money drawer, so that by placing one eye up close everything going on in that part of the market could be distinctly seen. The proprietors took turns watching, and finally to obtain sufficient evidence, got several outsiders to go in and watch. Cross was seen to take several amounts, Palmer & Smith claiming that the pilfering amounted to over a dollar a day, and that last Saturday it amounted to over seven dollars. At noon Monday Palmer was at the hole and Smith came in from the outside. Just at this time, Palmer called through the hole, "hold up Cross." Cross was greatly surprised and knew not where the sound came from. Smith showed Cross the hole and told him how they had been keeping tab on him. Cross denied it in the first place, but soon acknowledged and a settlement was arrived at, and Cross drew his money out of the bank and squared up, went home, and as the afternoon north bound train passed through, stepped on the east side, took a seat, and was soon speeded away to whence, as it were.

This setting with pilferers is all right in a financial point of view, but if it is done and the robbed parties are satisfied, they should keep it to themselves, as they make themselves liable by not prosecuting. This setting business will go on until someone gets in trouble.

Board Meeting.

The regular board meeting took place Tuesday evening, all being present. The opinion of Mellduff & Torrance was read to the board, and it is correct in all particulars, and there is no reason to doubt that it is, the village of Dwight has been run in a slipshod way for many years. The appropriations have not been legally made, and a great many things have been done illegally. It is the opinion of Mr. Mellduff and the new board that the only way out of the present financial puzzle is for the treasurer to make good the deficiencies in each fund overdrawn. It is evidently against the statutes provided for the financial provisions of cities and villages to pay money out of one fund as appropriated, for anything except orders on that particular fund. Treasurer Naffziger has, however, only followed the precedents laid down by former treasurers in doing what he has done, and is not to be blamed in the least for his actions in the matter. The old town boards have approved his reports in every particular, both monthly and yearly, but Mr. Naffziger will do what is right in the matter, irregardless of that.

The board, on account of the financial condition, will probably be forced to levy special assessments to wipe out the water works debt and also for extensions and for sidewalks. The outstanding orders for sewerage will be included in the special assessment now being levied. The opinion also states that when the money is exhausted the board has no right to issue orders, not even for general expenses, until the taxes for the next year are levied and equalized, which will be next fall. Also that after the levy is made the village can be bonded.

Mr. Romberger said that he understood from the assessor that in his opinion the assessment would be in-

creased this year about \$150,000, or nearly double that of last year, therefore bonds could be issued to the amount of about six thousand dollars.

The board also took action on the electric light proposition of Mr. Seigert to run fourteen arc lights in lieu of the incandescents. The proposition was accepted by the board and the lights are to be placed where they will do the most good. The arc lights are certainly preferable to the others and will light the town much better.

The new board is getting down to business in the right way and doing business according to law, and as fast as practicable under the present financial conditions.

Dr. Broughton Charmed.

The popular physician in charge of the lady morphine patients of the Keeley Institute, Dr. Broughton, was charmed and chained at the laboratory Monday night, in a manner he will not soon forget. Dr. Broughton has been a valuable member of the medical staff for many months and has gained in popularity continually, until he has become a great favorite with everyone connected with the institute. To show the respect in which the doctor is held by the company and his associates a surprise was planned for him, and it worked like a charm. Early in the evening the Doctor was summoned to the laboratory where was gathered the heads and employees of the Leslie E. Keeley Co. When the Doctor arrived Dr. Blaine stepped forward and in a few well chosen words presented him with a handsome gold watch chain and beautiful masonic charm. Dr. Broughton was completely surprised, his great big heart swelled up so that he could not say a word.

After a short time the assemblage adjourned to the Livingston where an elegant banquet was enjoyed by all. Dr. Broughton requested everyone present to repair to his residence on Chippewa street which they did, filling his handsomely furnished home to overflowing. A few hours were spent in pleasant converse, everybody enjoying a happy evening.

The Early History of the Republic.

The above is the subject of a lecture which will be delivered at the Congregational church next Thursday night by Rev. H. C. Scottford, of Loda, Ill. The calcium light stereopticon will be used in the lecture and the following are some of the interesting views that will be presented:

Embarkation of Pilgrim Fathers; Landing of the Pilgrims; Penn's Treaty with the Indians; St. John's Church, where Patrick Henry made his famous speech; Independence Hall in 1776; The Boston Massacre; Retreat of the British from Concord; Battle of Lexington; Battle of Bunker Hill; Washington taking command of the Army; Battle of Bennington; Surrender of Burgoino; Surrender of Cornwallis.

Thirty views will be shown altogether. The admission has been placed at the low figure of 25 and 15 cents.

Crawford Law.

Frank Smith and W. G. Dustin, of Dwight, attended the special meeting of the republican county central committee at Pontiac Monday. It was called to come to some definite decision regarding holding caucuses. It was decided at last meeting to hold them under the Crawford law, but it being complicated, was abandoned on account of there not being time to instruct voters before election. However, a committee was appointed consisting of W. G. Dustin, N. J. Myer and John Bodley, to draft some kind of a form of holding caucuses so as to get the expression of the people regarding candidates, and report to the county convention June 30. The committee will meet in Pontiac the second Saturday in June, and desire the advice of all republicans regarding the matter.

Dwight Morgan to be Married.

We are in receipt of the Oakland, Cal., Daily Tribune, containing the following announcement:

The engagement of Miss Minnie B. Dart, of Oakland, and Dwight C. Morgan, of Dwight, Ill., is announced. The marriage will take place the latter part of June at the residence of Mrs. H. A. Dart, 1129 Myrtle street.

It will be seen that Dwight succumbed to a Dart of cupid, and will soon be happily united in marriage. Dwight is the son of our distinguished townsman, Col. R. P. Morgan, and is a straightforward, honorable young man, and the people of Dwight wish him much happiness and success in life.

A. R. Zimmerman attended the funeral of Alonzo Carr, uncle of Mrs. Zimmerman, in Chicago, Friday. The latter was unable to attend on account of ill health.

Dwight Election 37 Years Ago.

In June of the year 1855, an election was held in the Railroad Eating House of Hiram Cornell, which stood just south of where the first station house was built, for the election of one supreme court judge and clerk, and for and against prohibition, or as it was called the "Maine Liquor Law" at the time, which was not adopted in the state.

The precincts or townships that were entitled to vote here were: Sunbury, Nevada, Dwight, Round Grove, Broughton, Union, Odell and Esmer.

In all eight townships we give below the names of all the voters who voted at that time, copying from the poll book the order in which they voted:

John Rantzong,	John Conant,
Stephen H. Kyle,	John Currier,
Stephen Eaton,	E. C. Gould,
T. R. Smith,	O. F. Jones,
Simeon Lutz,	J. M. Reeder,
S. F. Clover,	A. F. Bentley,
G. R. Smith,	Andrew Eaton,
Stephen Potter,	Stephen Potter,
David McWilliams,	George T. Conant
Northrup Riggs,	Jas. S. Harrison,
James Henry,	Benj. Thompson,
T. M. Thompson,	Wm. Cook.

The following were the election board:

Judges—John Conant, Wm. Cook, S. H. Kyle.

Clerks—Geo. T. Conant, David McWilliams.

The vote upon the Maine Liquor Law, was twenty-one for, and three against.

Of the persons then voting only four are known to be living, namely: Geo. T. Conant, Northrup Riggs, T. M. Thompson, David McWilliams.

At the election held in June, 1855, as above stated, the eight townships polled twenty-four votes. The Presidential vote of 1855 was as follows: Dwight, 442; Odell, 385; Sunbury, 213; Broughton, 206; Union, 204; Nevada, 189; Round Grove, 191; Esmer, 167. Total, 1997 votes. Quite a comparison.

We are under obligations to Mr. David McWilliams for the above facts, which will be read with much interest by our old citizens.

It will be seen that prohibition gained a foothold in this community at a very early day, and that the pioneers were all right on that subject.

Dr. Keeley in Brooklyn.

The grand Tabernacle in Brooklyn, in which probably the most popular minister in this country speaks to the whole world every Sabbath, was crowded to its utmost capacity last Sunday night to listen to Dr. Keeley's lecture. It was a grand audience seeking information, and the lecture was well received. Dr. Talmage introduced Dr. Keeley to the immense audience, and the lecture was listened to with intense interest. Dr. and Mrs. Keeley and a few friends sailed from New York Wednesday on the steamer, City of New York, and we wish them a pleasant voyage and safe return.

Ice Cream and Cake.

That's what the Y's furnished every one who came their way Tuesday night in Kern's hall, and a good many came. Everything was exceptionally good, and the hall was jammed all the evening, and the patrons had to wait their turns to get a chance to eat. Quite a number of the younger pretty Misses assisted in waiting on the tables and they sold all the ice cream and cake they had. We understand the society took in over \$30 and will clear a neat little sum. There is no society that will make better use of the money than the Y's. Success to them!

Death of Adison Wood.

The death of Mr. Adison Wood or Squire Wood as he was known to many of our citizens, occurred last week and the funeral, Monday afternoon, was largely attended, the services being held at the house, Rev. Conard preached a short sermon and pronounced the obituary. Mr. Wood was well known in this community and his friends were many. The surviving relatives have the sympathy of this community in their bereavement.

The obituary will appear next week in the STAR and HERALD.

Mr. Hans P. Gantzel.

The above named gentleman, father of Mrs. Hans Rosendall and Peter Gantzel, of Chicago, died Monday at about 11 o'clock a. m., of liver complaint. Mr. Gantzel had been a resident of Dwight for about ten years, having come here from Denmark. Mr. Gantzel resided at home of his daughter, Mrs. Rosendall, where his death took place. He was about 58 years old. Mr. Gantzel was a good citizen, and the community are in sympathy with the surviving relatives.

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