

## Dwight Star and Herald.

On the first page under the head of "Announcements" will be found a card from D. B. Walker, of Union, placing himself before the republican voters of Livingston county as candidate for representative from this district. After the war in 1866, Mr. Walker came west from Massachusetts and settled on the farm where he now resides in Union, and by hard work and reasonable economy, has procured a competency for the future. Mr. Walker's reputation as a straightforward, honorable gentleman is unquestioned, and his many acquaintances have the highest respect for him. He served his country as soldier with honor, and if he receives the nomination, will serve the district the same. Mr. Walker is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

### Lost a Foot.

John Sokorish, a miner of Braceville, was run over by train No. 16 Monday night near Braidwood, and had one of his feet taken off above ankle.

### New Opera House.

The contract is let for the new opera house, to Alderman Jackson, of Joliet. It will be a frame structure on the north east corner of the Hahn property now owned by the Keeley company. The cost, we understand, will be about \$7,000. That amount will build a very fine frame opera house.

### Two of a Kind.

To say that Fred Miller, south of town, is happy is putting it mildly. He is doubly so, and smiles like unto two baskets of chips, and the cause is the arrival of twins in his family. The little ones and the mother are doing nicely, and Fred is feeling pretty well himself.

### Another Jay-Hawker.

Al. Haynes, of Round Grove, took a trip to Kansas recently, and upon returning traded his eighty for a farm near Mulvane, Sedgewick county, Kansas, and will take possession either in the fall or next spring. This another excellent citizen becomes a Kansas Jay Hawker. Mr. Haynes, we wish you success wherever you may go.

### Masonic.

Livingston Lodge did good work in the third degree last night to the extent of putting through three candidates. Quite a number of masons from Braidwood, including a good working team, were present and gave valuable assistance. Post Commander F. J. Vickery did the honors for the home lodge.

A grand banquet of eight courses was given at the Livingston about 11 o'clock, to which ample justice was done, and a good time enjoyed.

### Educational.

On the first page of the STAR AND HERALD will be found an advertisement of the Ottawa Business University, which should be read by all interested in having their children secure a business education. Messrs. Conard & Richmond are the proprietors, and are very competent in the profession. They are now making preparations to start a branch in Streator. Mr. Conard is a nephew of Rev. Conard of the M. E. church in Dwight, and made this office a pleasant call Monday morning. Be sure and read the advertisement.

### Licensing Engineers.

The question of licensing engineers is being so agitated in every state in the Union that within a short time, for the protection of human lives, it will be impossible for any one intrusted with steam to hold or secure a situation without passing a rigid examination and obtaining a license. Stephenson's Illustrated Practical Test has been published to aid engineers preparing to pass such examination, and as it embraces all the questions asked on the Boiler, Pump, Engine, Dynamo, Corliss Engine, &c., it has already met with such a demand that it is now in its fourth edition. This work, which only costs one dollar, can be obtained of the publisher, Walter G. Kraft, 70 La Salle street, Chicago.

### Austin Gibbons.

The Fairbury Record, under the caption "Austin Gibbons The Man," recommends the nomination of that gentleman as member of the State Board of Equalization, by the Democratic Congressional Convention, to be held at El Paso. Mr. Gibbons is well known in Dwight, and no better man could be selected by the Democrats. Among other things the record says:

"The Ninth congressional district has a man who is eminently qualified for this position. He has the requisite education. His extended services on the equalization committee of the board of supervisors of Livingston county has given him experience in the work pertaining to this office. He is honest and fearless, and has the capabilities necessary to perform the duties of the position with credit to himself and justice to the taxpayers of the Ninth congressional district. He is a practical farmer, and knows full well that in the equalization of taxes the rights of this class of taxpayers are disregarded. He does not seek the position. His candidacy is urged by his fellow democrats, who recognize in him an available candidate, who if nominated by the democratic congressional convention, would be elected in November.

The Livingston county democracy is united in the nomination of Austin Gibbons, of Nevada township, and will present his name to the democratic congressional convention which meets in El Paso the first day of June."

### The Farmers, the Roads and the Weeds.

The following communication was received by us some time since, but for want of space we omitted it until now:

During a business meeting at the Town House on election day, a lively discussion was engaged in by the farmers on the question of weeds growing along the public highways. The land set apart for roads is four rods wide, only about three rods of which being actually used for roads while a strip some eight feet wide on either side is left as waste land to be occupied by weeds. From the remarks of all the speakers it was evident that the crop of weeds on each side was very heavy and of every variety that grows in this latitude, some of the principal ones of which are thistles, sour dock and dog fennel, with some other varieties still better adapted to the climate that produce two crops a year without being cultivated. The important question under discussion was the disposition to be made of these weeds. It was finally decided that the Road Commissioners should care for the weeds each year and sometimes twice a year, and pay for the work out of the money in the treasury. Now it seems that a better plan might be devised than the one agreed on. If these strips, instead of being allowed to grow to weeds, should be kept in good shape by plowing and harrowing and then seeded to timothy and clover the commissioners would not have to hire some one to mow the grass and take money out of the treasury to pay for it. If all these strips throughout the township were seeded to grass the result would be hundreds of tons of the best quality of hay which would bring quite a revenue to the owners of the farms. There are several other advantages to be derived from such a course. These strips being well sodded would afford a fine walk for the farmer, and if the neighbor's house to another and for coming to town. And there would be still another advantage. It would so beautify and add to the appearance of country that it would enhance the value of the land ten dollars per acre. The beautiful roads of the state, and having lawns for side-tracks would stimulate the farmers to keep the weeds from the inside as well as the outside of the farms. Let the farmers persevere this course and in a very little while Dwight township will be known as the banner township of the state and become noted for the most beautiful farms in the country. A few evergreens, and other ornamental trees, might be placed along these strips which would add greatly to the attractiveness of the scenery, altogether making a very striking contrast with the present disgraceful condition of weeds on these strips. There can be no possible argument used against this course. Stock is not allowed to run at large, but occasionally some one in disregard of law and the rights of others is found to graze his stock on the strips, and the road commissioners ought to see that it is prohibited. Occasionally a teamster will cross over onto the strips with his wagon in muddy times and by the time he has pulled his wagon across the ditch to get on and again crossed it to get to the other side, and in the process his horses that remain on the main track and pull through the mud and he has not only cut the strips into gullies and ruined them for all purposes whatever, but he has pulled the soil down into the ditch and obstructed the outlet of the water, thus adding to the bad condition of the roads and also increased the expense of road work by having made it necessary to clean out the ditches. Now although these strips are usually left about eight feet wide it is evident that this is an unnecessary waste of land. The great complaints about the manner of working the roads, complaint is that the roads are too high and too narrow making it dangerous for carriages to turn around or for teams to meet. If the side tracks or strips were narrowed down to about five feet and increase the width of the road and leave it near or flat on top and have deeper ditches or, what would be still better, shallower ditches with tile under them, all the danger would be removed and we would have better roads.

The same treatment that would be applicable to the country roads will apply to the streets of Dwight. Every year some one is hired with an old mowing machine to mow the weeds growing along the side strips of the streets which are exactly on a par with the country roads. If the Street and Alley committee would spend as much to put these strips in respectable condition and seed them to grass, as they pay for mowing the weeds one season the village would present a very different appearance to what it does now. These strips in town as in the country are too wide and the streets are thrown up too high in the middle thus making it very dangerous for some carriages to turn around or to meet each other. Mr. C. M. Baker was nearly killed by turning around on one of the ridges of one of the principal streets of the village. A strip five or six feet wide next the sidewalk is ample and ought to be well graded all over town, seeded and kept in good condition, conducted in all respects like the country roads. No one should be allowed to monopolize fifteen or twenty feet of these strips and thus force the travel all over to the opposite side and cut the strip there into splinters and destroy the looks of the street. There ought to be a village ordinance requiring all these strips to be all graded alike and taken care of and this would not only add to the beauty of the village, but every proprietor would take pride in looking after the strip in front of his own dwelling instead of hiring the weeds mowed at the tax payers' expense.

The practice of some people of piling building and other material in the street and using it as a general dumping place for ash cans and all manner of trash should be looked after by the Street and Alley committee whose duty should require them to see that equal rights are respected on both sides of the street.

### For Sale.

Good Illinois farms, cheap; fine soil near good market; easy terms.

E. F. BELL, Dwight, Ill.

## EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

By Prof. Foster.

The following case has been stated here with the request that an opinion as to what can be done in the matter, should be published this week, in this column.

A school in the country is so situated that the pupils have long distances to come, over roads sometimes very wet. The teacher also walks quite a distance to school. It is the habit of the teacher to arrive at the school house exactly at nine o'clock each morning, though occasionally she is delayed a few minutes in opening the building. The children, owing to a desire not to be tardy, and also from the fact that clocks are apt to differ in the country, often reach the school house from ten to thirty minutes before nine. In bad weather they are obliged to stay out in the wet and cold and wait till the house is unlocked. The question asked: "What can be done by the directors to cause the teacher to open the school house at a reasonable time before nine o'clock, that the children may not be without shelter when they reach school after a long wet walk?"

In reply I will say that the law provides that directors have the power to make reasonable rules for the government of the school, and it is customary for Boards to direct the teacher to be at the school house from 15 to 30 minutes before time for the opening session. This is especially necessary in bad weather, and most teachers will do so from choice, preferring to be on hand and get their work arranged for the day. In case the teacher does not do so, the Board may require her to come at a reasonable hour, and enforce the request on pain of dismissal.

I regret that the bad weather and heavy clerical work of this office have prevented my doing as much school visiting as I would like to have done. Some faint idea of the work connected with the plan of this office may be had from the statement that during the last six months over three thousand letters have been written; five hundred reports of district examinations sorted, compared and filed; manuscript for three district examinations for this county has been prepared and sent out; fifteen teachers' examinations have been held, papers examined and reported; all the work of procuring uniform text books, including sending out contracts, sorting them upon their return, filling them and sending them to the publishers, has been done; many legal cases requiring hours of consulting authorities and writing up opinions, have occupied myself and my assistant.

In addition to this has been the work of checking up the books of the Township Treasurers, as fast as our work in other lines will admit. Some of these have not been checked up in eleven years, and take at least three weeks steady work to verify each set. We are making a determined effort to check the books of every township this summer, having already finished eight of them. Treasurers will be notified at least two weeks in advance, of the time we shall need their books, in order that they may have every thing arranged to spare them for a week or two. As soon as the weather permits, I shall hope to begin visitation and township meetings.

Directors are specially requested to report to me any teacher, failing to do his or her full duty. It is my intention that each person teaching in this county shall give value received for the money paid them, and I do not intend to issue a license to teach to such persons as slight their work or fail to carry out the plans for improving the schools of the county.

In order to keep myself correctly informed, and to do justice to all, I am requiring all those wishing certificates renewed, to furnish evidence of successful work in the shape of a recommendation from the directors of the district where their work was done and I will renew no certificate without such evidence.

Teachers are requested to report any directors who are failing to do their duty toward the school, or who are interfering with the plans for gradation. I am anxious that the work should be done to the greater possible advantage and will exert myself to remove obstacles wherever they occur.

The Central examination for the towns of Esmen, Owego, Eppards Point and Pontiac, was held here Saturday, and was attended by fourteen pupils, who did excellent work. Other points have not yet reported, but if the result was as favorable elsewhere as here, we ought to have a large and able class of graduates in June.

I have no desire to engage in any controversy with any individual in regard to the physiology question, and will only say at this time, that the statements I made in my brief review of Tracy are true. It will be noticed, in reading the letter of Mrs. Hunt, so extensively published, that that most excellent lady does not deny having prepared the manuscript on alcoholics and narcotics, for the Outline of Physiology, the book which a certain few are trying so persistently to force on the people of this county.

I will admonish directors that "The Essentials of Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene" is the book contracted for and that the book we are receiving is the latest edition of that book, and that all contracts must be respected.

W. H. KETCHAM,  
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- Five lots in west part of town, \$350.
- Six lots this side East school house on Mason Ave., and Seminole street, \$1,000.
- Two lots, fine shade, south front, good location, \$750.
- Three lots on Waupansie st., \$600.
- Thirty-four ft. on East street with buildings, \$9,000.
- House and one lot on Mazon Ave., close to business, \$1,300.
- One and one-third acres of ground just west of Brick school house, \$1,200.
- Two lots on Delaware st., a bargain, \$600.
- Three lots on Delaware st., corner property, \$1,500.
- House and three lots well improved, corner, in fine location, \$4,000.
- House and two lots on Chippewa st., a bargain to anyone at \$1,500.
- Eight lots, will divide, corner Chippewa and James st., fine, \$2,500; inducements to purchasers.
- House and lot on Delaware st., half block from business center \$2,300.
- A fine business corner, 114 ft. frontage on Franklin st., room for four fronts, \$3,500.
- Fine new modern house in fine location for \$4,000.
- Two lots on North st., facing the Park, \$700.
- An opportunity for an investment that will pay 15 per cent. a business house and lot, \$2,000.
- Twenty-five feet on Mazon Ave., the best business location in the way of vacant property in town. Investigate at once, \$2,100.
- Two lots on Seminole street, \$3,000.
- House and two lots, corner North and Clinton streets, \$1,700.
- New modern house and one and a half lots on Mazon Ave., right in town, \$6,000.

- A fine modern house, that cost the money alone, and 2 lots, \$6,500.
- House and three lots near Hahn's farm, \$1,000.
- House and two lots on Seminole st., 13 rooms, new, will pay for itself in two years, \$3,750.
- One and a half lots on Delaware st., \$500, or one lot for \$350.
- House and one lot on Delaware st., corner property, \$1,000.
- House and two lots on Waupansie street, \$2,600.
- House and lot on Delaware st., close to business, \$2,600.
- Two very fine corner lots on Seminole street, \$1,300.
- Two very fine lots close to Franklin street, \$550.
- Three fine lots on Renfrew Ave., \$750.
- House and two and a half lots south front, fine location, \$2,100.
- One lot on Delaware street \$250.
- House and 4 lots on Seminole street \$1,250.
- House and lot on Delaware street, not far from new club site, \$3,000.
- House and two lots on South street, \$2,500.
- A fine house, five lots, fine improvements, shade, etc., \$6,000.
- Barn and five lots in Odell, will divide, \$1,500.
- Good dairy business for sale.
- House and lot on Seminole street, nice location, well improved \$2,000.
- Fine new house with three and a half lots, a bargain at \$3,600. Will sell with less ground.
- House and lot on Chippewa street, good property, \$2,100.
- One lot on Seminole street, \$500.
- Block of 14 lots in southeast part of town, \$2,100; will divide.
- Two lot east of East Side school house, \$1,000.
- House and two lots \$2,200.
- One lot on Mazon Ave., \$750.
- Eighteen fine lots, will divide in any amount. These are fine.
- House and four lots, or any amount, will sell the house without lots.
- H. McLane, one and a half lots on Waupansie st., \$700.
- Business Block, stock and lease for 2 years. He is a chance.
- House and lot on Delaware st., \$1800.

We have opportunities in the investment list if anyone's property is not shown in the list it is for want of space,

### Farm Property for Sale.

- Eighty acres of land in Murray county Minn., \$1,000.
- Eighty acres of land in Pipestone county, Minn., \$1,000.
- Eighty acres four and a half miles south of Dwight, a fine eighty at \$60 an acre.
- A fine eight hundred acre stock farm, the finest in Central Illinois; \$85 an acre. Lands in Arkansas, Kentucky, Southern Illinois and Minnesota for sale or trade.
- Three thousand acres of timber and coal land in Kentucky, \$62 per acre.
- One hundred and sixty acres three and a half miles southwest of Odell, tiled, etc. at \$60 per acre.
- One hundred and sixty acres, fine tiled farm, with good improvements; \$50 per acre.
- 315 acres, white oak, poplar and hickory, timbered land in Williamson county, Ill., 5 miles from R. R. Price \$11 per acre. Cut from 3 to 5 thousand feet per acre.
- 80 acres, cut from 5 to 8 thousand feet per acre, 7 miles from R. R. in Williamson county, Ill.; price \$15 per acre.
- 160 acres 1 1/2 miles west of Gardner, a fine farm. Space will not admit an outline of improvements. \$62 per acre.
- Five miles from Gardner and seven from Dwight, a fine quarter section at \$60 per acre.
- 100 acres four miles south an two miles east of Dwight, \$55 per acre.
- 80 acres 5 miles northwest of Dwight; a fine farm, well improved, all kinds of fruit, and tiled, \$68 per acre.
- 160 acres five miles east of Dwight, fair improvements, \$55 per acre.
- 3 miles from Redhook, a fine 160 acres well improved, \$62.50
- 2 1/2 miles west of Dwight; fine 160 acres at \$75 per acre.
- Eighty acres, 3 1/2 miles from Dwight, improved as follows: 1 1/2 story house twenty-eight by twenty-four and kitchen in good shape, all kinds of fruit, good barn, buggy shed, granary, crib, flowing well and tiled complete, \$7,500.
- 160 acres, 3 miles west of Dwight, well improved, worth the money; any one wishing a good farm of 160 acres will do well to investigate; \$70 per acre.
- One hundred and sixty acres, 4 miles south from Dwight, a well improved farm, needs only to be seen to be convinced that it is a bargain, ten thousand dollars.
- We have located in the German settlement a fine farm of two hundred acres, four miles from Dwight. Two good houses, one which contains 9 rooms, fine shade, 3 good wells, one 404 feet deep that will never fail. All fenced and middle fenced. Fine shades, milk cooler, new fall and a fine barn 92x52, crops never fail. Investigation will prove the above a bargain at \$70 per acre.

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