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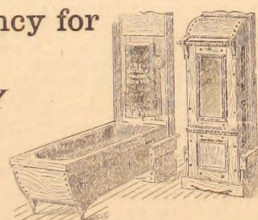
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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.

### For Circuit Clerk.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the office of Circuit Clerk of Livingston county, subject to the consideration of the republican county convention, to be held Thursday, June 20, in the court house at Pontiac. FRANK L. SMITH.

## A WAY OUT OF IT.

The Leslie E. Keeley Co. Provide a Way—Sewerage and Electric Lights.

It is generally known that Dwight is, for the present, in the consummation, as regards finances. The sault of this condition is hard to locate. The old board was encouraged to go ahead by the citizens committee and the people generally, and they went ahead, and kept going ahead, but all in the dark it would seem, if the legal opinions now being rendered are all right. There was no use "beating around the bush" and the finance committee of the new board got a large, very creditable and intelligent move on themselves, and prior to Dr. Keeley's departure for Europe, laid the whole facts before the Keeley Co. Those gentlemen saw that the new board was floating around in the three with their heads just above the soup, as it were, grabbing for straws, and came to the rescue, and saved the credit and honor of Dwight. The Keeley Co. will take all bills approved by the finance committee, that are really necessary to conduct the affairs of the village, and cash and hold them until such a time as they can be paid by the board. The Keeley Co. do this without a cent of interest, and deserve great credit for their liberality in the matter. The law provides that the board cannot issue orders until the new tax levy is made in the fall, and then only to the amount of 75 per cent of the whole tax, so that the Keeley Co. will carry several thousand dollars for the accommodation of the people of the village for about a year without interest. We wonder where the people would find anyone else to do this much for Dwight?

There was only one bid for sewerage and that was from the same firm as the original contract was let to, and is \$23, 135, which is considered a very reasonable bid. An opinion was read from McIlhuff & Torrance to the effect that special assessment could not be levied to pay for improvements already put in, unless the ordinance was drawn up providing for it. Therefore the indebtedness on the water works system will have to stand until such a time as it can be paid by the board. No more extensions to the system will be made only at the request of a majority of our citizens in certain localities where the expense will be paid by special assessment or by subscriptions of private parties. The finance committee reported that Mr. Naffziger refused to turn over any money except what remained in the treasury, irregardless of the funds which it belongs to. In this Mr. Naffziger is only doing what has been customary from the time of the village organization. We understand that Treasurer elect Brubaker will accept the books, and the distribution of the money now on hand to the different funds not over drawn is left to the judiciary committee. It was decided to have a street commissioner with the powers of a policeman, and a night marshal. It was the sense of the board that it would be cheaper in the end to have a man whose duty it was to look after crossings, sidewalks, etc., instead of sending men around indiscriminately, the street and alley committee not knowing what they were doing half the time. The bills came in regularly just the same, rain or shine. It was ordered that the judiciary committee draw up an ordinance covering the duties of street commissioner, etc. The report of the street and alley committee regarding the proposition of Mr. Seigert was accepted. It provides for fourteen more are lights in lieu of the sixty incandescents, and they are located where they will do the most good. Mr. Seigert has commenced work and soon our city will be brilliantly illuminated. We will have light on the subject if we don't lay up a cent. The street and alley committee recommended that the proper railroad authority be notified of the disgraceful

condition of the sidewalk, or the place where one ought to be, on the north side of Chippewa street, at the Alton track.

The board is after Commodore Foote who runs engine 92, and the Alton railroad, for fast running. If the Commodore runs through Dwight the way he did Tuesday morning,—about forty miles an hour,—the board will hardly catch him. The village ordinance provides that trains shall not pass through faster than six miles an hour. This thing has got to be stopped or the whole Alton company will wake up some morning in the Dwight calaboose, and have to clean crossings to pay their fine.

The members of the new board are looking up old ordinances, and propose to run things according to the local and general law hereafter, which is proper. They will have things right if it takes all night and all summer.

### Pontiac.

A visit to Pontiac Tuesday disclosed the fact that our county seat is improving rapidly. Neat and substantial residences are going up in every part of the city, and the handsome new block on the north side of the square adds to the beauty and business of our capital city. The court house and its surroundings are now in their bloom, as it were, the beautiful and well-kept lawn and trees looking very nice and green. We are glad to state that every thing green is located outside instead of inside of the building.

Pontiac is a great place to meet people. Ned Dixon is one of the men that we always look for when we are hungry, and we always get filled up with the best the market affords. There is a report that Ned will soon bid good bye to Pontiac and locate in Streator, on account of the extreme dryness of the air and other things too numerous to mention, in Pontiac.

The postmaster at Pontiac now does Uncle Sam's business in probably the neatest postoffice outfit in the county. Of course Pontiac is not in it with Dwight, as far as postal matters are concerned, but Postmaster Bradford surely has a very nice office. He also has a very neat cigar and news stand in the front part of the store room, and sells first-class cigars.

Pleasant people to meet at Pontiac among the legal fraternity are George Patton, Chris Strawn, Harry McDowell, Messrs. Brown, Ball, Norton, McIlhuff, Torrance, and others. Mr. Strawn never misses an opportunity to console candidates. He knows how 'tis himself. Geo. Patton now rides a safety and is getting down to fighting weight for the church trial the 5th of July. George tells a story with a calf attachment, that is all right. Ask him about it. Messrs. McDowell, Brown, Ball and Norton, are doing some systematic hustling for the nomination for state's attorney, and know their stories very well, and have a regulation shake on tap.

A call at the court house found everything quiet, court having adjourned until July 5.

Circuit Clerk Hoover is a candidate for re-nomination for circuit clerk. He has held the office for eight years and has made a good efficient officer, and is a pleasant gentleman to meet.

Deputy Clerk Fraley has withdrawn his candidacy for circuit clerk, and has purchased the Fairbury Blade, a weekly republican newspaper. We extend to Mr. Fraley a cordial welcome to the newspaper fraternity of Livingston county. We understand the business is not altogether new to him. Mr. Fraley has extensive acquaintances throughout the county, having been chairman and secretary of the republican county central committee and deputy circuit clerk for several years. He will run the Blade republican every week in the year, he says, and undoubtedly will receive a warm support from that party. Success be with you Mr. Fraley.

In the treasurers office we met genial 'Gene' Baker, a former Dwightite, who handles the cash and has a pleasant word for all callers.

In the county clerk's office the first thing that meets the gaze is the smooth cranium of that pleasant gentleman, John George. He may say to the governor of Wisconsin, that "it's a long ways between heirs." Burt Baker and Johnnie George extend taxes and congratulations to all callers. It is good to be here.

In the judge's office may be seen Judge Wallace dealing out opinions in quantities necessary for the occasion.

Harry McDowell is head man in the state's attorneys office, and we always find him pleasant and affable, but full of business looking after the county and state's interests.

A call at the sheriff's office finds the chief executioner of Livingston county stroking his long silken beard, and ready to extend a warm welcome to all callers. We met Mr. Richardson, of Avoca, a very pleasant gentleman, in this office.

Out on the streets we met several of Pontiac's 4,000, among whom are R. John, one of the hustling real estate men. He is always busy, but not too busy for a good hearty hand shake. Mr. John has about as extensive an acquaintance as any man in the state, and is a pleasant, entertaining gentleman "hale 'fellow well met" on all occasions.

Dan Walker's good natured countenance was seen in different places in the city. He is after the republican representative nomination, and is making friends.

Frank Smith, of Dwight, practiced the candidate's shake on the unsuspecting public, and made lots of friends. It looks as if he is the coming man for circuit clerk.

Assessor, Shroyer, of Pontiac, shakes like a man that meant business and will make an effort to get the republican nomination for circuit clerk, but as there are four others in Pontiac that will do the same, the outcome has not come out yet.

Superintendent of Schools Foster, and his assistant, Miss Hamilton, are busy people, and are doing telling work for the Livingston county schools.

Alex McKay and Mr. Gilbert, former Dwightites, are furnishing the staff of life, and all kinds of substantial and sweet things to eat, to the Pontiac people.

Although Pontiac is dry, they can play billiards and pool now, license having been granted at the last meeting of the city council.

Editors Clark, Johnson and Saul can be seen on the streets most any hour of the day in search of news with which to appease the curiosity of the curious.

Take it up one side and down the other, our county seat is a place to be proud of. It's a nice place to go when you have the blues or a law suit or to serve your country or jury, etc. The people are cordial and entertaining. There's nothing small about Pontiac except its depot.

### Commencement Exercises and Class Day.

The commencement exercises of the Dwight high school will be held in the M. E. church Thursday evening, June 2. The school board, Prof. Schlabach, the teachers and graduating class are making elaborate preparations for the occasion.

The church will be beautifully decorated and handsomely arranged, and the music by the orchestra and quartette will be very fine. Handsome invitations for both commencement and class day have been printed at the STAR and HERALD office during the past week, which are being sent out. The reserve seats tickets will be on sale at Dr. Barr's drug store at 8 o'clock Monday morning next, and the price is placed at 25 cents, and everyone interested should attend.

### CLASS DAY.

Class day will be properly celebrated Wednesday, June 1, at 2 o'clock p. m., and a very pleasant programme has been arranged as follows:

OPENING GRAND MARCH.  
Welcome—"The Boat Song"..... GLEE CLUB  
Class History..... BESSIE BAKER  
Eulogy..... JNO. O'MALLEY  
Music—Classical Selection..... GLEE CLUB  
Class Declaration..... "Bernardo del Carpio,"  
ETNA CALDER  
Prophecy..... MARIE KOHNLEIN  
Music—"All Together"..... GLEE CLUB  
Invective..... DORA KEIN  
Last Will and Testament..... JIMMIE  
CLAY DONIGAN, DEVISEE  
Music—"Alma Mater, O"..... GLEE CLUB  
Farewell..... CHAS. SIMONS  
RESPONSE..... LOUISE PERRY  
Presentation of Memorials..... ADALINE BAKER  
CLASS SONG.

The class day exercises will be held at the high school building, where arrangements will be made for the comfort of all.

### The First Meeting.

The first meeting of the club in its new quarters was held last Saturday morning with President Berry in the chair. Everyone seemed to be in good spirits, and at a suggestion from the president the meeting was opened by singing that grand old hymn, America, after which Rev. Cole invoked aid of almighty God in the great objects of the club, and asked His blessings to rest upon the club in its new quarters. After another song the club proceeded with the regular order of business, some very interesting remarks and letters being listened to. The meeting closed at 10:30, everyone feeling that the change in quarters had been for the better.

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### Frank L. Smith for Circuit Clerk.

The announcement of Frank L. Smith, of the real estate firm of Ketcham & Smith, as candidate for the republican nomination for circuit clerk of Livingston county, is published in this week's issue of the STAR and HERALD. There is no need of an introduction to Frank in this section of the county, as he was born here, graduated from the Dwight high school, and has made his home here ever since, except for a short time he was engaged in business in Chicago. For the past year he has been a real estate hustler, and is just as good a hustler for the republican party as he is for real estate. No young man in Dwight enjoys a better reputation than Frank, and as this seems to be a young republican year we think his chances for the nomination and election are excellent. One thing is sure, Frank is in it to stay and will make a fair, straightforward, upright canvass. All other candidates will receive honorable treatment from Mr. Smith, and if he is beaten he will be in the front rank supporting the nominee. Good luck be with you, Mr. Smith, is our worst wish.

### Programme for Memorial Sunday, May 29, 1892.

There will be Memorial services at the M. E. church, at Dwight, Ill., Sunday May 29, 1892, at 10:45 a. m., to which all the school children and the public are cordially invited. Services will be held by Rev. Conard, assisted by Rev. Cole. Members of Dwight Post No. 629, G. A. R., of W. R. C. No. 144, and of Henry Fox Camp No. 270 S. of V., will meet at the I. O. O. F. hall Sunday, May 29, at 10 o'clock a. m. and march from there to the church to attend memorial services at 10:30. Visiting members of the G. A. R. the W. R., and S. of V. are cordially invited to fall in line. By Order of Com. HENRY FOX, Chairman.

### Went to Peoria.

The following members of the Dwight Chapter of the Eastern Star visited the Central City Chapter, of Peoria, Thursday, Messdames. Joe Miller, Carl Miller, B. A. Buck, John Leach, Geo. Taylor, J. B. Parsons, Misses Tillie Pettett, Nora Goodman, Stella Baker, and Messrs. John Pettett and Prof. Schlabach as protectors. The party returned Friday morning having enjoyed a splendid visit. They all speak very highly of the reception given them by the Peoria Chapter. They were taken to the homes of the members and highly entertained.

### All That Saves Us.

A number of years ago it rained forty days and forty nights and the earth was rather considerably submerged. So much so, in fact, that all business was suspended and when traffic was resumed again a new set of storekeepers, clerks, farmers, and hired hands took possession generally. It has already rained forty days and forty nights, but the flood hasn't set in. We can only account for the difference in the situation on the theory that the country is much better tilled now than it was in Noah's time.—Joe Reed's Paper.

### Shakespeare.

Rev. Cole's lecture on Shakespeare last Friday night at the Congregational church, was well attended, and a source of pleasure and instruction to those present. Mr. Cole showed a thorough acquaintance with the life and works of the celebrated author. The stereopticon views were very good, both to illustrate the lecture and otherwise. A very lifelike portrait of Dr. Keeley was shown which elicited great applause. Gray Staunton handled the stereopticon.

### The Congregational Choir.

The choir at the Congregational church now numbers seventeen members, and is just as good as it is large. Last Sunday the church was crowded. Following are the names of the members of the choir under the able leadership of Mr. Ely: Mrs. Dr. Ubellar, Misses Mildred Rabe, Cora Adams, Ella Conant, Edith Bullock, Mable Huey, Etta Calder, and Messrs. Barnes, Ubellar, Zimmerman, Evans, Morgan, Buck, Howlett, Owens, Chariton, Wright.

### Where to Leave Flowers for Soldiers' Graves.

All patriotic citizens, their wives and daughters, are respectfully solicited to bring flowers to the Odd Fellow's hall Monday morning, May 30, between 9 and 10 o'clock. Said flowers to be used in decorating soldiers' graves, in the several cemeteries around Dwight. Members of the W. R. C. No. 144 will be on hand, to receive all flowers.

HENRY FOX, Chairman Com. on Progr.