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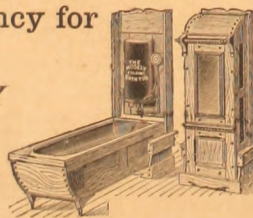
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### GOLDEN MEETING.

The Second Great Meeting of the Associated Keeley Bichloride of Gold Clubs Will be held in Dwight.

The Date Set is Tuesday, September 13, and the Place of Meeting, the New Opera House.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Associated Keeley Bichloride of Gold Clubs held in Dwight, Monday, it was decided to hold the second meeting of this great society in Dwight, commencing Tuesday, Sept. 13, and continuing three or four days. The sessions are to be held in the new opera house which will be finished by that time. The people of Dwight will furnish accommodations for the delegates. This meeting will far surpass anything of the kind ever held in the world, and will be attended by from two to four thousand delegates and visitors, and will be the largest gathering ever held in this part of the state. The decision of the directors is very appropriate on account of Dwight being the headquarters of The Leslie E. Keeley Co., and fountain-head of the greatest curative establishment on earth. There are now over 70,000 graduates from Keeley Institutes and over ninety-five per cent of them are as firm as rocks. They are a sympathetic body of men and desire to do all in their power for their fellows, and that idea is the foundation of the club organizations throughout the country. It is for the purpose of placing their organization on a firmer basis, enlarging its scope, becoming better acquainted, and thus accomplishing more good, that this meeting in September is called.

The people of Dwight will give the delegates a warm welcome, and bear up the good name our little city has achieved, so that they may depart from among us sounding our praises.

The following communication was sent to the committee by Mayor Romberger:

To the Executive Committee of the National Convention of the Associated Keeley Bichloride of Gold Clubs: The citizens of Dwight, Ill. extend to the Annual National Convention of the Associated Keeley Bichloride of Gold Clubs a most hearty invitation to hold said convention of 1892 in Dwight and if in the judgment of this committee, they decide to hold said convention in Dwight the citizens will furnish entertainment free to all delegates and alternates attending said convention for the time necessary to transact the business, not to exceed three days, and will do all in their power to make said convention a success and the entertainment of all members of said Gold Clubs as pleasant as possible. Respectfully Submitted,  
CHAS. L. ROMBERGER,  
President of Dwight, Ill.

The above was accepted by the executive board, provided the citizens furnish decorations and band, which they will do, and can well afford to.

The Leslie E. Keeley Co. came to the front with its usual generosity and made a cash offer of \$1,000 to defray other expenses connected with the meeting.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean, of Wednesday, places the number of delegates and visitors to Dwight on that occasion at 5,000.

We were informed, while in Chicago Monday, that the Chicago delegates and visitors alone will come here at least four hundred strong as a marching club, and headed by the celebrated Second Regiment Band.

Mrs. Chas. M. Baker Home.

The friends of Mrs. and C. M. Baker, were pleased to hear of her arrival in Dwight last Monday evening. Mrs. Baker left Dwight about four months ago to be with her husband in Milwaukee. She was taken sick there and came to Chicago, but was unable to return to Dwight, and was removed to a private hospital, where she was dangerously ill for a long time. It was not until recently that she was enabled to leave the hospital, and it was with some misgivings that Mr. Baker consented to her journey to Dwight, but happily, the trip resulted in no damage and the lady is as well as could be expected.

It is not generally known, but is a fact, that Charlie Baker had a close call awhile ago, while attempting to board a train at Des Moines, Iowa. The train was moving and Mr. Baker caught hold of one of the handles on the car, and it so happened that his hand was over some other man's, and the latter suddenly jerked his from under. Mr. Baker grabbed the other handle with his other hand in which he held an umbrella, and was thrown around between the cars. He hung on as long as he could, and then with great effort threw himself outside the track and was thrown violently to the ground. The back of his head was cut and his body bruised in different places. He was assisted into the car and after the excitement was over, lost consciousness and was carried to the sleeper where he soon revived, with the assistance of the

road physician. It was indeed a close call, and Charlie wants no more of it. Both Mr. and Mrs. Baker are to be congratulated on their escape from danger.

### Tennis Tournament.

Unusual interest has been aroused this week in tennis by the tournament being held at the elegant courts of Messrs. McWilliams on Mazon avenue. The prizes offered are for first in 'singles,' a gold medal; for second in 'singles,' a silver medal; for first in 'doubles' silver medals to each of the winning team.

The following persons are engaged in the contest: J. VanEman, Frank Smith, R. Eldredge, Theodore Hayes, Chas. McWilliams, Dr. Barnes, Jim McKay and C. E. Schlabaach.

The first two days' contests resulted as follows:

### FIRST DAY--WEDNESDAY.

Doubles.--Van Eman and Schlabaach defeated Eldredge and Smith; score, 7-4, 6-2.  
Singles.--McWilliams defeated Hayes; score, 6-4, 6-2.  
McKay defeated Barnes; score, 6-3, 6-2.

This last was stopped on Wednesday by rain and finished Thursday afternoon.

### SECOND DAY--THURSDAY.

Singles.--Eldredge defeated Smith; score, 6-0, 6-1.  
Schlabaach defeated Van Eman; score, 6-2, 6-3.  
Doubles.--Hayes and McWilliams defeated McKay and Barnes; score, 6-4, 6-0.  
Extra Doubles.--Van Eman and Schlabaach defeated McKay and Barnes; score, 6-4, 7-5.

The finals will be played and the prizes awarded to-day.

The contestants in the final doubles will be McWilliams and Hayes against Van Eman and Schlabaach.

In singles to-day, McWilliams will play against McKay and Eldredge will play the final singles for first and second prize. A full report will be given next week.

### Probably a Fusion

The county prohibition and people's convention were held at Pontiac, Tuesday. The prohibitionists met first and nominated the following county ticket: States Attorney, Marion Gallop, of Owego; Circuit Clerk, T. F. Graves, Cornell; Coroner, John Stuart, Pontiac.

The People's party delegates held several conferences with the cold water people, and they will probably endorse the ticket as Mr. Gallop is president of the F. M. B. A. of this county. This movement is not to be ignored by any means, because if the farmers of the F. M. B. A. propose to elect officers and hang together they are going to make it pretty interesting for some body. It should be born in mind that there are forty-two lodges in good standing in the F. M. B. A. in Livingston county.

There's fun ahead. Since the above was put in type, Mr. Gallop and Mr. Stewart have withdrawn from the ticket.

### A Close Call.

The lightning sometimes performs some curious freaks with impunity. Wednesday Chas. Crandall and his son Charlie stopped at JFree Vickers's and backed their road cart under a crib to get out of the rain. While there, lightning struck the corner of the crib and splinters flew in every direction. Mr. Crandall was sitting down inside at the time and not apparently hurt any but when he attempted to rise he could not do so. His strength was completely gone and he lost consciousness. Mr. Free and Charlie Vickers and Charlie and Ollie Crandall placed him in an easy position and he regained consciousness, but it was not until he was on his way home that he completely recovered. The fresh air seemed to help him. Mr. Crandall's many friends will be glad to learn that he was able to go to his work again Thursday, although somewhat lame in his arms and shoulders.

### Banner of Gold.

We made a call at the Banner of Gold office while in Chicago Monday, and found everyone busy, but not too much so to welcome their friends. It is pleasantly located at 236 Dearborn street and business is good, the subscription list increasing rapidly. Editor Banks was in charge, and is a very pleasant and able gentleman. Col. Nate A. Reed, Jr., the manager, was out west assisting in organizing clubs and waving the Banner of Gold at the same time. The managers are continually adding new features, and the Banner is to-day one of the best papers published, and they heartily deserve the great success they are attaining. The intellectual breezes of the Banner are bound to keep it waving forever.

### Red Hot.

The weather the past week has been oppressively hot most of the time. The mercury has been well up towards the 100 mark, and sweating mortals have hunted shady and cool retreats. The hot weather, though, is most timely for the growing corn, and when we consider that a good deal of such weather will be needed to advance the crop, we can all afford to greet it cheerfully.

### Board Meeting.

The board met Thursday evening and did important business. The appropriation ordinance was passed and will be published in full next week. On account of debts and expenses the appropriation is much larger than heretofore but is very reasonable.

The sewer business is all settled and the contract let to the same parties as before, and the bond will soon be arranged and work commenced.

The board are getting there just the same, and doing what the people elected them for. The people of Dwight will find out that when the improvements are made that everything will move along smoothly, and the cost will not be noticed. The people should not forget that outside parties are paying over \$2,500 a week or \$130,000 a year, for board, besides what is paid to the Keeley Co. and what they spend around town. The people of Dwight have got no kick coming and should not say a word against improvements.

### Knights of Pythias Picnic.

One of the most enjoyable picnics of the season was held at Wilmington last Monday by Hebron Lodge, No. 175, Knights of Pythias, of this city. About fifty knights and their families or best girl, as the case might be, were in attendance, and the day was most enjoyably spent. A base ball game between the Wilmington kids and the knights was a feature of the day's sports, in which the kids were worsted, of course. Dinner was spread on the grass and plenty of ice cream and lemonade added flavor to the abundance of eatables. In the afternoon when the rain came the crowd made their headquarters at the platform where the select K. P. orchestra discoursed sweet melodies and the feet of the merry crowd kept time to the music. Altogether a great time was enjoyed by all. The party returned on the evening accomodation, tired but in good spirits.

### Danish M. E. Church.

Rev. R. Wilhelmson, of Harpster, Ill., made this office a pleasant call Tuesday. He is the gentleman who has been organizing the Danish M. E. church here, and has caused to be rented the old Presbyterian church, where services will be held every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, and Sunday school at 3 p. m. Mr. Wilhelmson has been holding special services every evening recently, and has met with good success in his work. He is a very pleasant gentleman and is thoroughly interested. He also informs us that open air meetings will be held in Hansen's grove, Saturday and Sunday the 2nd and 3rd of August, at which a number of divines will be present.

### Sewerage.

The right of way for the sewerage, as passed by the old board and ratified by the new board, is now secured and the contract will be let shortly. The new board have worked hard to bring about this matter and have succeeded admirably. All the owners of property through which the sewer is to pass have granted the wish of the board willingly, the only thing desired by them being to be secured against a nuisance, which is only just and right. The quicker the contract is let and the sewer built the better the sanitary condition of the town.

### Ice Cream and Cake.

The ladies of the Dwight Woman's Relief Corps gave a very nice ice cream and cake social at the handsome residence of Henry Fox Tuesday evening, in honor of the Henry Fox camp S. of V. The attendance was very large the beautiful lawn being filled with young people playing games, and older ones in pleasant conversation. Ice cream and cake were served in abundance about 9:30 and the whole evening passed off very pleasantly. Mr. and Mrs. Fox and the Corps always make every thing pleasant for their guests.

### Pompeii's Last Days and Nights.

Last Tuesday quite a number from Dwight took in the excursion to Peoria and witnessed the "Last Days of Pompeii" and a night in Peoria. The train left Dwight at 3 p. m., with about twenty or thirty, and many more joined them all along the line, until the train of seven cars was full. The train arrived in Dwight at 3 a. m. Wednesday. The Dwight delegation report a pleasant trip.

### Mr. Wheeler Here.

Hon. H. K. Wheeler, of Kankakee, Republican candidate for congress, was in town Tuesday, and made a pleasant call at this office. He spent the afternoon calling on friends and making the acquaintance of our people. Mr. Wheeler made a favorable impression and has many friends here. Later in the campaign Mr. Wheeler will speak in Dwight.

### EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

By Prof. Foster.

Institute opens next Monday morning, and not at noon as has been customary. Be sure and bring your programs as you will need the outlines contained in them.

Examination will occur Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 8 and 9. Boarding places for about sixty teachers are listed at this office. Parties will be referred to their usual applications.

All coming examinations for the year will be based upon the new manual, and about half of all the questions will be based upon its practical use. It will therefore be necessary for teachers to make a close study of the course of study.

It is expected that all teachers, in whatever grade they may be, will take Mental Arithmetic and Primary Methods. In these two departments, our schools are weak throughout the county.

The board of Education has generously hastened the refitting of the rooms of the school house, that teachers may have the benefit of fresh, clean places in which to work. It is to be hoped that all will appreciate this action and endeavor to return the house in as good condition as we get it. The A Grade will study Hamlet, in Reading, and will be furnished copies at a cost of a few cents.

In regard to the controversy concerning the Physiology we have in use in the county, I wish to say that since the opposition has seen fit to make the matter a personal one, and many of the statements in the latest article, regarding my position, are untrue and calculated to mislead, I do not think it profitable to occupy time and space in reiterating what I have already said. I shall therefore drop all newspaper discussion here. I shall be pleased to talk the matter over with any who are interested. My position in the matter is what it has always been. Until the people of the county demand the change; until the book company admit that they have violated their contract in supplying the book, and until Mr. Tracy says that the Essentials is an old edition and does not state the truth on the topics under consideration, I have no ground to act in the matter. The only agitation of the subject, and the only petition for a change, so far as I am informed, has come from the W. C. T. U. organization. I have and do most emphatically refuse to agree that any one district shall make the change separately. We have worked too hard and long for uniformity, and it is succeeding too admirably to be broken by a few individuals. When the districts begin to break contracts, they will by that action, according to the terms of that contract, release the book company, and we will lose all we have gained.

Reading Circle Work, both for teachers and pupils will be one of the topics for consideration at the institute. It is the teacher who keeps abreast of the times, who moves to the front in educational matters. A proposition for the Institute to visit the World's Fair in a body next year, will also be discussed.

The following were the pupils from the district schools of this county who passed the examination for diploma this year: Lina Cashwendner, Swigert, Maud Milton, Cayuga, Emma Wilson, Odell, G. C. Compton, Chatsworth, Eva Andrews, Cayuga, Pearl Rucker, Cornell, Emma Rrait, Ocoya, Ida Dearson, Cayuga, Frank Johnson, Cornell, Fred Brown, Cornell, Mercy Kuffler, Cornell, Hattie Hum, Burlington, Lillie Howarth, Fairbury, Edith Dunham, Saunemin, Alma Hieronymus, Fairbury.

Diplomas will be given at a public meeting to be held in each township as soon as definite arrangements can be made.

Those graduates who are of legal age and who pass successfully the examination in pedagogy and the course of study, will be granted a second grade certificate on their records.

The class did excellent work on their papers and made grades to be proud of, though the examination was in some respects harder than that given to teachers. Their work in Mental Arithmetic deserves special mention. It is hoped that a larger class will be ready for the work next year.

### Changes.

Considerable change has been brought about during the last week in the Kern buildings on West street. A. W. and Pete Kern have purchased the interest of George Kern in the grocery line and now conduct the whole business. George Kern, who has been in business at the stand for many years, has purchased the business of Milt Witt and will conduct an ice-cream parlor, bakery, etc. The Kern boys are well known in Dwight as honorable and hustling business men, and will undoubtedly continue to do a large business in their lines.

### Building Associations.

The New York Mercantile and Financial Times, one of the most responsible papers on financial affairs in the world, has, among other complimentary remarks, this to say of the Equitable Loan and Investment Association, of Bloomington, Ill.:

This association can be strongly recommended to Eastern readers of this paper. There are features of usefulness and strength and fair play about it that we must honestly confess, that we do not find in the great majority of Eastern institutions. Secretary Beaver will doubtless respond readily to any requests for further information from our readers.