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## Baker's Furniture Store.

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FINE RIGS A SPECIALTY.

### SLIDE, MISS KELLY, SLIDE!

The Girls Can't Play Ball a Little Bit, But They Won Hands Down.

The Cincinnati girls played ball, or tried to, Thursday afternoon, with the Dwight nine. The boys gave them the game and the people gave them their money and each one said: "What a great clump am I." Exactly 575 of them said this, or at least thought it, and the girls go away with quite a nice roll in their stockings, or pockets, as the case may be. There was many a head there that might have had hair on it a great many years ago, but none to speak of now, and what little they had they probably lost when their wives found out they were there. None of the girls will die of good looks. They were dressed in gray loose waists, short red skirts reaching a little below the knees and black stockings (a naughty bald headed man told us this), nobby red caps and tennis shoes. The little one that pitched the first inning and played second base afterwards, and looked like Jimmie Donagan, was the only one that could catch anything unless it was a hot potato, and hit anything unless it was a pumpkin with a board, but they roped in the people for a nice \$107 all the same. They quit in time to catch the mail (not male) to Wilmington, where they proceeded to do up the people yesterday. The girls were well behaved and the crowd used them well. We didn't hear of anyone keeping score and all bets were declared off.

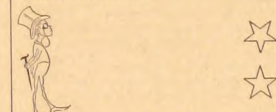
Our special artist sneaked under the barbed wire fence and make a few sketches which we present:



This is one of the bald-headed men and what he went to see.



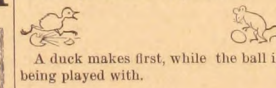
The second baseman catches a fly and Hurley watches him.



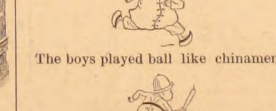
The managers views his stars.



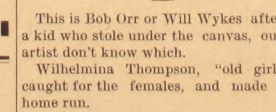
The boys see what they went for.



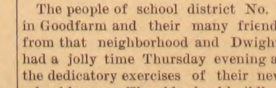
A duck makes first, while the ball is being played with.



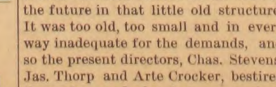
The boys played ball like chinamen.



This is Bob Orr or Will Wykes after a kid who stole under the canvas, our artist don't know which.



Wilhelmina Thompson, "old girl" caught for the females, and made a home run.



The people of school district No. 4 in Goodfarm and their many friends from that neighborhood and Dwight, had a jolly time Thursday evening at the dedicatory exercises of their new school house. The old school building which was built away back in the fifties, had done its duty, and many a scholar has been started on the road to the future in that little old structure. It was too old, too small and in every way inadequate for the demands, and so the present directors, Chas. Stevens, Jas. Thorp and Arte Crocker, bestirred themselves, and a handsome new school house, 30x24 with 12 foot ceiling, stone foundation, etc., is the result. The temple of knowledge is situated directly opposite the residence of Chas. Stevens and that gentleman has kept his eyes on the building continually.

The ladies of the district, desiring to

do their share, decided to give an ice cream and cake social and raise money to add something to the comfort, convenience or beauty of the new building, and Thursday night was agreed on.

The visitors began coming before dark and kept coming until the school grounds, old and new, and the beautiful grounds were crowded. The Waupause brass band sprung a surprise on the people and appeared in handsome uniforms and discoursed the best of music. The boys deserve a great deal of praise for turning out and assisting in the exercises. The ladies waited on all comers and all patrons were furnished fine ice cream and numerous kinds of delicious cakes, all for five cents and they sold lots of it.

The present teacher is Miss Sarah Drackley, and she may well feel proud of her new school house.

We noticed quite a number from town including Mr. and Mrs. Nafziger and children, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Haase and children, Dr. Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dustin.

There was music of all kinds and everything was done that could be to make the evening pass pleasantly to all.

### Convention Meeting.

The meeting called in the STAR and HERALD last week, was held at the town house Wednesday night, and was quite well attended. It was held to further perfect arrangements for holding the great Bichloride of Gold Club convention here next month. A wrong impression seems to have gone out that Mayor Romberger had gone too far in guaranteeing what he did. The matter was just this way: When the committee from the National club came to him he just had a half hour to decide, as delegates from Chicago, Kansas City Bloomington and other points, stood ready and anxious to accept the same proposition. Mr Romberger saw as many citizens as he could in the time and then run the risk of the people standing by him, and gave them the guarantee. Mr. Romberger did just what he thought was for the best interest of the city, and just what anyone would have done under the circumstances, and we think the people will stand by him. The cost of the care of the delegates will amount to comparatively nothing when the amount of money spent by the visitors is taken into consideration.

Chas. L. Romberger was elected chairman of the meeting and J. W. Baker, secretary. The action of Chas. L. Romberger in securing the convention was unanimously endorsed.

A general committee of three was appointed as follows: Col. J. B. Parsons, Chas. L. Romberger and B. A. Buck.

A soliciting committee consisting of three ladies and three gentlemen will be appointed by the general committee, who will call on our people and get the names and addresses of all those who will entertain delegates.

Messrs. Will Ketcham, Will Scott and J. C. Lewis, were appointed as committee on decorations.

A reception committee consisting of the president and members of the village board and eight others to be selected by them was authorized.

The general committee appointed the following persons as soliciting committee: Rev. Cole, Ed. Rowley, Frank Smith, Mrs. B. A. Buck, Mrs. Jos. Miller, Mrs. Chas. McBaker.

There will be another meeting held as soon as the soliciting committee is ready to report.

### Prominent Visitor.

Mr. Louis Pio, representative correspondent of "Poliliken", Copenhagen, Denmark; "Illustrated Family Journal" Copenhagen and Stockholm, and city editor of "Dagbladet", a Scandinavian daily of Chicago, was in Dwight several days last week, writing up the Keeley treatment for the Copenhagen and Stockholm papers, under instructions from the managers of those great papers.

Dr. Keeley was in Copenhagen and will soon open large institutes there and in Stockholm, and the object of Mr. Pio's visit to Dwight is to satisfy the people of Denmark and Scandinavia that the cure is all right. That gentleman was very much impressed with what he saw here, and his report will be a good one as it should be.

An address to the people of those countries has been prepared by the representatives in Dwight and has already been signed by many prominent Danish and Scandinavian citizens. It will be published in the leading papers there, and will have a great effect upon the success of the Keeley treatment in those countries. Mr. O. C. Jensen had the address in his possession, which was forwarded this week.

### Death of Frank Losee.

This community was shocked Saturday forenoon to hear of the death of one of Dwight's old residents who was highly respected by all. Mr. Frank Losee was all right in mind and body Friday so far as any outward appearance was concerned, but we understand he had been brooding over imaginary troubles for some time, and he said he could not work and was of no use to any one and was going to kill himself. He had always been industrious and when his health failed it troubled him. It was certainly needless as no one wanted him to work, and he had a good home with John D. Ketcham or with his sister, Mrs. Mary A. Ketcham, and other relatives would have given him a home the remainder of his days. He had three or four hundred dollars, and even if he had no money, his life would have been made easy and pleasant by his relatives, but it is too late now, his spirit has departed and his troubles are over.

Mr. Losee was missed Saturday morning at breakfast time at J. D. Ketcham's, where he has made his home for a number of years, but nothing strange was thought of it as he was accustomed to take long walks, but when he did not make his appearance by the middle of the forenoon his threat ran through the minds of the family, and they made a search for him. He was found hanging by a rope from one of the rafters in J. D. Ketcham's barn, cold in death. It is evident that he had become temporarily insane during the night and went to the barn and thus ended his life. He stood upon a table, fastened the rope around a rafter between two boards tied it around his neck, pushed the table from under him. When found his feet were hanging on the floor. He was taken down and the remains taken to the residence of W. H. Ketcham, where an inquest was held in the afternoon. In the absence of the coroner John Thompson, J. P., held the inquest which resulted in a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

The funeral was held from the residence of W. H. Ketcham Sunday at 2 p. m. and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. Mr. Losee was about fifty-nine years old, and has been a resident of Dwight since 1855. He was the only brother of Mrs. Mary A. Ketcham, mother of Will, and brother of the deceased father of the Losee boys in Dwight. He was always pleasant and well liked and even in his talks with his sister lately his spirits seemed revived and she was led to believe that he had given up the idea of killing himself. It was a severe shock to Mrs. Ketcham and the other relatives of the deceased. They all have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

### Railroad Notes.

The Alton has the bulk of the business to Denver during the conclave.

Some of the mogul engines on the Alton are being used for passenger runs. The through mail made a run from Odell to Dwight recently in nine minutes. They are supposed to pull fifteen cars forty-five miles an hour just as easy as rolling off a log.

The 3-1 is doing an immense freight business, running three or four trains each way part of the time.

The bridges on the Alton have all been strengthened on account of using the mogul engines.

Will Hagerty is happy again in his old position.

Harry Hussey's smiling countenance is seen in the Alton ticket office again after his recent illness.

Baggage man Bell is gaining in health all the time and is now attending to his duties with the aid of his son.

### Going to Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Oughton expect to sail for Europe on the 17th of the present month—one week from next Wednesday. We understand Mrs. Oughton and the children will remain a year or thereabouts, J. R. will return in a couple of months. Mr. Oughton has worked hard for a number of years without any rest to speak of, and this much needed rest is certainly due him.

### Specials on the Alton.

There will be twelve special trains on the Alton to Denver, a number of which passed through here last night and others will pass through to-day, to-night and to-morrow, bearing Knights Templar from all parts of the country. Besides the specials, the regulars are loaded to their utmost capacity. The cheap rates to Denver and Kansas City have made the passenger traffic very large on all roads running west.

STAR and HERALD 50 cents to Jan. 1, '93, to new subscribers. Tell your neighbors.

### Dwight Investment Company.

The Dwight Investment Company, composed of the following stockholders was formed at a meeting held Tuesday evening:

Geo. L. Kern, J. B. France, Frank L. Smith, Frank Reeb, DeWitt Miller, F. J. Graham, C. C. Gould, Oscar Nord, A. M. Bartholic, W. C. Bartholic, Wm. H. Weld, Robt. Orr, A. L. Orr, A. R. Zimmerman.

The following officers and board of directors were elected:

President, W. C. Bartholic; vice-president, Geo. Kern; secretary and treasurer, Frank L. Smith; directors: Frank Reeb, J. B. France, T. J. Graham, Robt. Orr.

The object of this company is to purchase and repair the building formerly occupied by the Empire Steam Laundry. The stockholders of the company are all members of the order of Knights of Pythias, and it is understood that the building will be used by the uniform rank of that order as a drill hall and armory, a division of which will be formed in a short time. It will also be placed in excellent condition for dances, entertainments, etc.

The number of shares, we understand, is to be 100, of \$10 each, and already 75 have been subscribed for, and there will be no trouble disposing of the rest.

We learn that the building mentioned has been purchased for \$500 cash, and the land on which it stands has been leased for the present, and the remainder of the money will be used to improve the building, etc. This will probably prove a good investment, and it is likely the company will make considerable money out of it.

### A Family Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Boyer, their children, their children-in-law, their grand children and other relatives had about as good a time Wednesday as people generally have. Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Austin and Mr. and Mrs. M. Bartholic with all the little Boyers and the little Austins and the little Bartholics all went to the old homestead south of town and spent the day in picnicking and enjoying a genuine old fashioned reunion. There were also present Al. Boyer who lives at home, and Miss Boyer of Decatur. There was no fun got away. The occasion was the probable departure of Jas. B. Austin and family for the west. There were plenty of good things to eat, plenty of fun and the little ones and the older ones enjoyed themselves. There were about twenty-five present, and the occasion will be remembered by the participants for a long time.

### New Morgan Street.

All the members of the board were present at the regular meeting Tuesday evening.

The matter of passing an ordinance locating new Morgan street and accepting the lease of the alley from D. McWilliams was the principle business of the evening.

Morgan street was located by ordinance, just south of the new sidewalk being laid by the Alton.

The lease of the alley of McWilliams was accepted. The vote was a tie, the mayor casting the deciding vote.

The town, we understand, never expects to open Morgan street, but the ordinance is simply to protect the village's rights in the matter.

Miss Lizzie Burger made application to remove and build an addition to her residence, corner of Prairie and Mazon avenues. It was referred to the fire and water committee with power to act.

The sewer contractors will probably commence work next week.

The street commissioner was instructed to open the dead ends of all water mains at least once a week, so that the water will be fresh at all times. This is an excellent idea.

### The New Walk.

The new central crossing was laid this week but will be relaid. At first it did not run as was intended by the Village Board, and the mayor telegraphed to Mr. Draper, of the C. & A., and he had the express office moved a few feet north so that now the walk will be on a line with the laboratory and the McWilliams alley. This is as it should be only that the railroad should have put in a stone crossing or one like the handsome walk around the depot.

### Knights, Attention!

Permission has been given for the use of the lodge room for one more session, before repairs are commenced. Hebron lodge will then meet at its regular time. There should be a large attendance, as there will be work in the second and third ranks.