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"SWEET BYE AND BYE."

At the Song Service at Congregational Church Sunday Evening, Dr. Bennett, the Author, Tells the Story of "Sweet Bye and Bye."

The song services at the Congregational church Sunday evening were particularly interesting, on account of the variedness of the program. Splendid solos were given by Miss Cora Adams, Rev. Cole and A. R. Zimmerman, and the choir sang several good old songs in which the congregation joined. Rev. Cole gave a short biography of the author of each selection.

Mr. Ely, leader of the choir, gave a very sensible talk on congregational singing, in which he took occasion to say that it was not right for the congregation to expect a few to do all the work in the music line, and that it was his desire as chorist, to have everyone assist. That the pastor in the future select familiar hymns so that the congregation could assist, and that when the evenings became longer and the weather cooler, he hoped to meet them all an evening or two during the week to practice together.

Mr. Ely is an excellent musician and is greatly interested in the success of the choir and congregational singing.

Great interest was manifested when Rev. Cole announced that the author of that beautiful hymn "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," was present and would state the story of the authorship. An elderly gray haired gentleman, slight in stature, came forward and was introduced as Dr. Bennett. The doctor is a modest gentleman, very pleasant and everyone listened with breathless interest to his story. In substance he said: He lived in Elkhorn, Wis., in 1862, and then became acquainted with Prof. Webster, the composer of the music of the "Sweet Bye and Bye," and many other familiar hymns, and they became great friends and remained so until the time of the professor's death. He described Prof. Webster as a man subject to melancholy fits and at such times nothing could arouse him as quick as music. One night he came into his (Dr. Bennett's) drug store during one of his melancholy spells and sat down. Mr. Bennett asked him what was the matter, and Webster answered: "Oh, nothing particular, I'll be all right by and by." The last words caught the ear of Dr. Bennett and they were an inspiration. He immediately thought why wouldn't that be a splendid foundation for a hymn? He took a piece of paper and there formed the immortal hymn "In the Sweet Bye and Bye."

Dr. Bennett handed it to Prof. Webster and as soon as he read the lines his eyes began to brighten and after a few moments thought he in turn as fast as his fingers could work, wrote the music and the same evening it was played on a violin and sung in the store. Such is the history of "Sweet Bye and Bye."

In one short evening in that drug store was written, placed to music and sung, one of the grandest hymns of the age. There is hardly a place in the wide world to-day that the beautiful hymn is not sung. It has been translated into almost all languages, and Dr. Bennett has a copy of it written in Chinese.

Dr. Bennett was here for treatment for the morphine habit, and as he spoke of it at the church we mention it here. He left Thursday for his home in Richmond Ill., a cured man and full of hope for the future. One thing is sure, when it is known, he will have the best wishes of the whole world. His beautiful hymn has accomplished untold good and it is the wish of all that Dr. Bennett may live long and happy and be inspired again to write equally effective.

Round Grove.

Threshing machines are running full blast these days.

Aaron Prickett has decided not to move to Kansas until some time this coming winter.

The school house in District No. 5 is receiving a general repair and will be in fine shape for the fall term of school.

It was nip and tuck between Elmer Clover and Jim Maguire, but Elmer got there a few days ahead of Jim with a big boy. Elmer says it is red headed but he will call it Grover just for luck.

Jim Maguire is the busiest man around these days. He runs a store, postoffice, warehouse, buys hogs, and since last Tuesday, he devotes six hours a day to rocking the cradle and singing "Baby Mine," to a daughter.

If political are the go, John Brophy is the boy that can show the finest corn in this section; and when it comes to oats, Gene George is away out of sight of anyone for miles around, and it is all democratic from start to finish.

Emington Races.

Emington, a thriving little town about eleven miles southeast of Dwight was the scene of quite a lively time Monday afternoon. People were there from all over the country to the number of four or five hundred. The attraction was horse races, trotting and running.

The track at Emington is a fair one, half mile, not enclosed. The judges' stand consisted of four posts nailed together and braced and a platform on top. If you can't climb you can't get on the judges' stand. The wire used to score under is barbed. The bell used to call up the horses is a tin can with a stick attachment in the hands of a hustly judge, who does business like a base drummer.

There was a free for all trot in which three horses were entered, but only two started. One was Judd Williams' Whirlwind and the other a little mare belonging to Mr. Kane, best two in three, and the little mare won. The first prize was \$9 and the second \$6. It is gently hinted that Judd rather have \$6 than \$9 and not let his horse out, but the little mare was a daisy just the same.

There were three and four minute trotting races, which were very good.

In the free for all horse race a little light gray mare belonging to Stanley, of Pontiac, took first. The same mare also took the first prize in the pony race.

There was considerable money changed hands, and the betting was quite lively.

The Emington cornet band furnished the music for the occasion. It is a very creditable organization.

Round Grove, Odell, Broughton, Union and Dwight, were well represented. Among those we noticed from Dwight were John Thompson, Judd Williams, Ed. Dittus, Jas. Kelagher, Jim Seibert, Ed. Little and Sam Boyer. Hugh Thompson, of Odell, was on deck. Austin Gibbons came up from Cullom and spent part of the day at Emington.

Emington is quite a nice little town and considerable business is transacted there. The residences are neat and attractive, and the people are sociable, and the girls wear suspenders. What more do you want?

Knights At Denver.

We are indebted to one of the Dwight representatives at the triennial conclave at Denver last week, for papers from that city descriptive of the great reunion and parade. Sir Knights John Pettett, Free Vickery and Chas. L. Romberger, from Dwight were there. The maunders from Illinois constituted a division in the grand parade and presented the finest appearance. We clip the following from the Denver Republican regarding the trip being taken by the Joliet commandery, to which the last two mentioned above are members and are on the excursion:

Joliet No. 4, Joliet, Illinois, Eminent Commander Sir P. C. Wilcox, has planned a 6,000 mile trip to the Pacific. The party consists of thirty-six knights and thirty-two guests. They occupy two Pullman sleepers, a drawing-room car, observation car and diner, all elegant new cars, and are located at Seven-teeth and W. Hook streets, directly in front of the Union depot. This evening the party will leave for Colorado Springs, Salida and the Gunnison canon. Thence they go to Salt Lake, where they will remain two days, when they will start for San Francisco. After a stay of four days in San Francisco they will take the Mount Shasta route to Portland and Tacoma, where they will take the steamer to Victoria, thence over the Northern Pacific to Helena and Yellowstone park. Here they will remain one week and then start for home by the way of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The excursion will occupy thirty days.

The St. Bernard Commandery drill team, of Chicago, to which John Pettett belongs, took the first place in the exhibition drill.

Colt Show.

The first annual colt show of animals of 1892, held at Renfrew Lodge stock farm last Monday, was well attended and very creditable. There were people present from all over the neighborhood and some from distant parts. The show was given under the management of J. P. McWilliams.

The prizes were awarded as follows: First prize, \$5, best grade Percheron, to Jeff Noregarath. Second, \$2.50, Louis Zable. Third, \$1.25, Henry Christman. First prize, best French coach, \$5, John Hahn. Second, \$2.50, E. McWilliams. Third, \$1.25, Nathan Baker. Fourth, ribbon, Mr. Fowler, of Nevada. Fifth, ribbon, Henry Christman.

The judges for the Percheron class were Messrs. Corbin, Steffins and Gregg. The judges for the French Coach, were Messrs. Corbin, Gregg and Deffenbaugh, of Nevada.

Evangelist Rozelle.



The above is a portrait of Frank L. Rozelle, the Evangelist, engaged for the special service at the M. E. church, beginning Aug. 28. Having held meetings in the largest cities throughout Illinois with marked success, Mr. Rozelle comes to Dwight worthy of her confidence and co-operation. From the Daily News, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, comes a testimonial to the effect that Mr. Rozelle is the best evangelist that ever visited their city. The people of Dwight are fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Rozelle at this date as his time thereafter is fully taken well into next year. In connection with the regular evening services, there will be Bible readings in the afternoons that will be specially helpful to Christian people, while beneficial to all.

October Jurors.

The following is the list of petit jurors drawn for the October term of the circuit court for this county:

FIRST TWO WEEKS.

- Emmott—A. G. McDowell, H. D. Roberts.
- Long Point—F. Couzann, Jacob Brantz.
- Newton—E. E. Andrews, Obed Edv.
- Sunbury—Jacob Pratt.
- Avoca—C. C. Humphreys.
- Broughton—Soren Olson, J. H. O'Neal, N. P. George.
- Indian Grove—Henry Davester, J. W. Allen.
- Waldo—Ellsworth Benedict.
- Sullivan—Peter Herstein.
- Dwight—Thomas Perry.
- Pontiac—Henry Graeber.
- Rooks Creek—J. B. Fry, John Naser.
- Odell—E. Metz, Chas. Peppard.
- Anity—J. E. Blake, Perry Davis, David Knight, Edward Ewing.
- Epardus Point—N. T. Green, J. J. Green.
- Chatsworth—Hiram Royal, R. Oliver.
- Owego—Asahel Bruer.
- Nebraska—Dolph Van Doren.
- Fayette—George Lebolt.
- Nevada—Frank McDonald.
- Union—Jacob Stahler, Isaac Hodgson.

The Small Pox Scare.

The State Board of Health regarding vaccination would lead to the supposition that we may be visited by small pox, so prevalent in Europe and brought to our shores by emigrants.

Our readers may be interested to know the following typical symptoms of small pox. It begins with a sudden violent chill and vomiting, distressing agonizing pains in the back and down the limbs followed by high fever with intense headache, some time convulsions. The face becomes very red and the eyes bloodshot. The eruption makes its appearance about the third day.

Annual Social.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. church, held their annual social at the residence of F. A. Haise, Thursday evening. The following programme was rendered, after which refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and lemonade were served: Song—"Far and Near the Fields are Teeming"; Address of Welcome—Mrs. E. F. Bied; Solo—"The Church"—Mrs. E. F. Bied; Recitation—"Child's Courtship"—Miss Adelle Peem; Quartette—"Twenty Frogs"—Clara Nafziger; Lita Haise, Arthur Nafziger, Arthur Haise; Declaration—Mrs. E. F. Bied; Misses Adams, Barr and Peem. About forty persons were present and without exception all had a most enjoyable time.

Proclamation!

To the citizens of the village of Dwight: As the State Board of Health is urging the people to take every precaution to prevent the spread of small pox, which is prevailing in many localities of the state, I hereby ask under instructions from the Village Board, that the people co-operate with them and see that children and adults, who have not a good scar be vaccinated at once, especially in the cases of the former, as the schools are to open soon. B. A. BUCK, President pro tem.

The Streator Handicap association will have an interesting meeting the 26th and 27th of the present month, during which time they offer \$700 in prizes for running races. The winner of the 130 yard handicap will get \$250 cash, and other races in proportion. We understand quite a number of Dwight's fleet-footed sports and others will attend.

Neighborhood Nubbins.

The annual reunion of the 53rd regiment will be held in Earlville on the 8th of October.

Rev. Joe Bell has declined the nomination for Congress tendered him by the Prohibition convention. This knocks out their Congressional ticket and but one candidate remains on their county ticket, viz: T. L. Graves for circuit clerk, the rest having declined. The party is in great distress for candidates.—Sentinel.

The city council has voted to levy a one mill tax for the purpose of establishing a public library. This will produce a fund of about \$700. It is proposed to secure private subscriptions and there is a good prospect that this city will have a public library that will be a credit to it. It is an institution much needed here and it is to be hoped that nothing will prevent the consummation of the project.—Pontiac Sentinel.

The home for disabled soldiers and their wives, to be erected and maintained by the society known as the Woman's Relief Corps, is to be established in Homer, Illinois. Mrs. Tinkham, the mover of the project, lives in Homer, and donates the elegant residence of the late Colonel Tinkham and \$50. The citizens of Homer give \$5000 cash. Aurora, Rockford, Coal Springs and Wilmington were after the home.

If you wish to send a letter in a hurry, says an exchange, be sure to write "in haste" on the envelope. The postmaster and clerks will fall over each other in their haste to get it in the first mail, then the postal clerk will yell to the engineer, "pull her wide open, here's a letter that's in a rush." And the train will just fly. It is expensive for the railroads, as accidents are liable to happen, and the officials will not thank us for giving the snap away, but that's the way to get a letter through real quick.

In the eastern sporting papers Jack McAuliffe is quoted as telling his friends in a very confidential way that he will whip Myer "dead easy." The less of that kind of talk Jack does now the less crew he will have to eat after the fight. As the day for the scrap draws nearer the interest in the battle grows through the country. Lew Clark, this week, photographed Billy's quarters at the driving park for the eastern sporting papers.—Sreator Monitor.

The postoffice department is compelled to frequently remind people of causes which make it impossible for letters to be carried to their intended destination. The dead letter office receives millions of letters which the postoffices have been unable to deliver on account of illegible or deficient direction, carelessly misdirected, or because in removing from one place to another, the party to whom the letter was directed having failed to notify the postoffice of his new address. It often happens that in sending letters to the city the exact street and number is not known. In some cases it may aid the postoffice in finding the parties if the occupation is given. Too much pains cannot be taken in addressing mail matter.

Look out for another sleek swindler. He is selling sewing machine needles with lottery attachment. His scheme is to sell a dozen needles for one dollar and give the purchaser one chance in a grand drawing. At one house where he stopped the lady wanted two dozen needles. She drew out two pieces of card-board. On one was the letter "P" and on the other "P. S." The agent assured her that she had drawn the best prizes as the "P" meant piano and "P. S." parlor set. He assured her that the goods would be shipped to her in a few days, and left to hunt up another victim. When the husband returned he was informed by the wife of her good luck. He gave her the laugh and came to town to see if some plan could not be devised to catch the swindler.—Braidwood Bulletin.

Republican Senatorial Convention.

The above convention will be held at Forrest, Wednesday, Sept. 7. The county conventions have endorsed their men, and about all their is to do is to ratify their wishes. Senator Chas. Bogardus, of Ford county, has no opposition so far, and for representative R. C. Straight will be renominated, and Bailey Gower, of Sunbury, will be his running mate.

The people of Forrest have taken advantage of the occasion to have a grand republican blowout in the evening.

Chas. L. Romberger and Myron Tambling are delegates from this neighborhood, and several others will attend.

Death of Mr. Conrad.

Mr. John Conrad who has been ailing for some time with asthma and other complaints, died Tuesday of this week. The funeral was held from the residence of his brother, W. H. Conrad, Thursday and the remains laid away in the McDowell cemetery.