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The Sewer Enjoined.

Like Xerxes of old, chaining the Dardenelles, Mr. Hayes, of Grundy Co., has attempted to chain the Dwight sewer and stop its progress. He will undoubtedly come out about the same as Xerxes did.

Some time since, Mr. Hayes appeared before the Board of Trustees in Dwight and stated that he would offer no objections to the sewer if it did not prove a nuisance, or words to that effect, and with that assurance, the Board of Trustees made their plans, secured the right of way, let the contract, the material was on the ground, and two weeks ago work was commenced. After these things were done and being well known to Mr. Hayes, he commenced to make trouble for the board. There is no doubt but Mr. Hayes knew as much about whether the sewer would prove a nuisance when he made the statement before the board as he did when he made the statement before the Master in Chancery at Pontiac last Saturday, and caused the injunction to be issued. He then has been known as much about it as now, because the sewer was not in operation then, nor is it now. It was the unqualified duty of Mr. Hayes to have made his objections when he was asked to come before the Board and not wait until the village is involved in several thousand dollars indebtedness, depending on the sewer assessment.

There is no doubt that if the sewer is stopped now the contractors will sue the village and get judgement for at least \$15,000 and probably the full amount of contract. This the tax-payers will have to pay any way and get nothing in return. The only way to do is to put the sewer in and pay the special assessment, and when it is finished the village will be the best equipped so far as public improvement is concerned, of any place in the state, of its size, and no one can take it away from us.

Any man who stands in the way deserves the severe criticism of the people, and surely will only receive the support of a few who are against any improvement that will cost them a cent.

The injunction hearing will be before Judge Tipton next Monday and will undoubtedly be dissolved and work continued.

On Our Trail.

The editor of the Odell Gazette and Reporter is a little disgruntled at the people of Dwight, and never misses an opportunity to show his spite. He hung on here like grim death to a colored gentleman but finally succumbed to the inevitable and took up his press and small picca and meandered not toward the north star, but to the sunny south. We thought after he left he would be willing to let well enough alone, and we wished him success. But he could not keep his spite against Dwight from cropping out. He cast his bewildered gaze on our prosperous city and says to himself: "How is this that they get along without me?" He acts like a man with a misfit stomach, or he is like Jerry Simpson, of Kansas, talking through his socks.

The editor in the quiet little town of Odell says we came out with an article of personal abuse. The little man was despicable when he read it, or else his eyesight has been affected looking after the defunct North Star. All we said was that Dwight could get along without him. There is no personal abuse about that. It's merely a little current information. He also intimates that The Leslie E. Keeley Co. "pulls a string" and the editors of this paper "dance." In regard to this we wish to say a word. We have had considerable dealings with The Leslie E. Keeley Co., and the members of the company have always been friendly to us and have done us favors, for all of which we feel thankful. But as far as any member of the company ever dictating to the editors of the STAR AND HERALD as to its policy, it has never been done in any way, shape or manner. Their time is absorbed in their own business, and they interfere with no one.

We are glad to say it was not necessary for anyone to "pull a string on us" to cause us to see that the Gold Cure institutions was one of the grandest curative establishments the world has ever known, and that it was destined to make the name of our little city known the world over and bring prosperity to our citizens. The policy of the STAR AND HERALD has been to assist in bringing about public improvements that were absolutely necessary to retain the headquarters of The Leslie E. Keeley Co. at Dwight. With the assistance of our public-spirited citizens this object has been brought about to considerable extent. As far as public improvements, private im-

provement, and other improvements, and praising Dwight are concerned, we "dance" all the time and it is not necessary for anyone to "pull a string" to cause us to do so. It was a lack of such enterprise that caused the demise of the North Star. The strong, bracing progressive air of Dwight was too much for it; it moved to Odell but was too far gone, and now lies buried with "Unknown" marked over its grave.

The editor of Odell certainly should have learned a lesson from its fate, and if he takes our advice he will "dance" a little before the people of Odell "pull the string" on him.

Sewer Kickers.

Mr. Hayes is receiving the encouragement and support in his enjoining proceedings from a few that wouldn't support any kind of improvement unless they could get it for nothing. But in this instance they are "cutting off their noses to spite their faces." The contract for the sewer has been let and the village is responsible for every cent of it, and will have to pay for it anyway. The contractors are not here for their health, and if the sewer is stopped it's nothing to them. They stand ready to fulfill their part of the contract, and if the village does not do their's the contractors are not to blame, and can collect every cent of it.

Now which is the best? To pay a judgment against the village for no benefit, or pay the sewer tax and get a lasting sanitary benefit?

If Mr. Hayes is successful in his injunction proceedings he will make the people of Dwight pay thousands of dollars for nothing—simply nothing, and he knows it.

Leap Year Picnic.

The boys who stood in sufficiently to get an invitation to the leap year picnic given by several of Dwight's pretty and popular young ladies, are loud in their praises of the way the girls entertain.

The young ladies in charge are as follows: Misses Louise McWilliams, Cadwallader, Myrtle Martin, Bel Martin, Locket, of Decatur, Durphy, Huey, Adams, Addie and Minnie Barr, Birt-whistle, Harris, Eldredge and Tobey.

The picnic was given in honor of Jennie Cadwallader, of Oxford, Ohio. The young gentlemen who were present are as follows: Messrs. Fenn, Charlton, Van Eman, Hussey, McKay, McGonagle, Robertson, Wheeler, Wilson, and H. F. Adams, of Blackstone.

The ladies secured the grounds at Geiger's Grove, and went out in the afternoon, and their guests went out in the evening in time for a splendid supper, and the girls do say on the quiet, that the boys brought their appetites with them and nothing was left for the poor. Suffice it to say that they had a splendid time all the evening, and the girls received lots of praise.

Mrs. Ida Buxton Cole.

Mrs. Cole, wife of Rev. Cole, of the Congregational church, as will be seen by the following clippings from the Illinois Watch Tower, is complimented very highly in that paper:

Illinois extends hearty welcome to Mrs. Ida Buxton Cole, one of Missouri's district presidents and most efficient workers.

Miss Ida Buxton was well known before her marriage, through the New England and Middle states as a lecturer, and according to Miss Willard, was the youngest woman to take the platform, where she achieved marked success.

The Oak and Ivy Leaf and the Young Crusader, are often favored with choice contributions from her gifted pen.

Mrs. Cole lectured before the W. C. T. U. convention at Hoopston, Ill., last week, and we understand will lecture in several other places in this neighborhood in the near future.

The First Sermon.

Evangelist Frank Rozelle preaches his first sermon among us at the M. E. church Sunday morning, Aug. 20, at 10:45. Of him it may be said, as of Evangelist H. O. Willis: "He was converted from the depths, a living representative of the power of grace to save." Mr. Rozelle labored in Quincy as Y. M. C. A. secretary. A Quincy paper thus speaks of him: "I met a man the other day who has come to Quincy to labor in the cause of Christianity. From what I heard, this man is as pure in his secret life as the city that opens its portals to receive the kisses of the morning sun." See and hear this nineteenth century miracle of Divine grace.

Y Social.

The young ladies of the Y. W. C. T. U. gave one of their pleasant socials in the Presbyterian church Thursday evening. They were quite well patronized and their ice cream, cake and lemonade were excellent. They told fortunes for a small sum and they were all good ones, and those present enjoyed a pleasant evening.

The Convention.

It is officially announced in the Banner of Gold that Gov. Fifer will be present at the B. C. of G. convention two weeks from next Tuesday in Dwight and will extend a welcome to the delegates to the great state of Illinois. It is also stated that Hon. Joseph Medill, of the Chicago Tribune, will also be present and address the convention.

The people of Dwight should be fully awake to the importance of the occasion and act accordingly.

There will be a large number of ladies present and the ladies here should extend to them a hearty welcome.

A soliciting committee was appointed and the mayor and city council were designated as the committee in charge, and should not rest until the necessary arrangements are made for the reception and entertainment of our visitors.

New Houses, Buildings Etc.

Joe France, the 3-T agent, has his elegant residence about ready for occupancy. DeWitt Miller and Sam Boyer are about to build handsome homes like Mr. France's.

Mr. Brubaker's new and handsome residence on Washington street is well under way and will add to that already fine locality.

Mr. Stevens' residence in Taylor's addition, is very pretty and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Work on the new opera house is progressing finely and will be ready for the convention in September.

Tock Bros. have just moved a house on their lots on Mazon avenue and will fix it up nicely for a home.

George Hart has recently finished a suitable addition to his business house on Mazon avenue.

Mr. Behler's new residence is a neat and comfortable one, and was recently occupied.

The Kepplinger block is a handsome business block and is nearing completion.

D. McWilliam's new residence is by far the finest in Dwight and will make a beautiful home.

Miller Bros' elegant new store will be completely finished and occupied this coming week.

Mr. Conrad's beautiful home is now completed and occupied.

The hall in the old opera house is undergoing repairs that will be a good improvement.

The new sidewalks on East and West streets are fine improvements.

There are quite a number of others in course of construction and additions being built, and still the Times' correspondent says Dwight is dead. He was undoubtedly entertained by some one who had it in for Dwight, but everyone knows that the paper is not reliable.

The Times Article.

An article published in the Chicago Times Thursday caused considerable comment, and misrepresents the condition of matters in Dwight greatly. One would be led to suppose that the Keeley Co. held mortgages on every thing in the city, and that the people were in a pitiful condition, and that the town had gone to the bad entirely, when the fact of the matter is, that Dwight is the liveliest little city of its size in the state of Illinois to-day, and there is better times here than any place on the Alton road, and if the man who wrote the article lives in Dwight he knows it to be a fact. The whole cause of the discontent at present is the relapse of the boom of last fall and winter, and the same experience is passed through in every place where a boom has been on tap. It's the first one of any moment that has ever struck Dwight and the experience is a dear one. Booms misrepresent things; they have a tendency to create too much enthusiasm and cause people to do things that they would never think of under ordinary circumstances. They cause people to run over themselves, as it were, and that was the case in Dwight. But notwithstanding all this there is a steady and healthy growth, and it is about as difficult to get a house now as it ever has been. There is not as many patients here as there has been, and there is no use denying the fact that the sanitary condition of the village has been horrible, and not at all conducive to health and really dangerous at times, and had there been 1,500 patients here continually for the past year the condition of Dwight would have been something terrible. We believe that when the sanitary condition is improved everything will improve. There is no further booms and the people want none.

The majority of the people that find fault with the village now don't want to give a cent for public improvements, and wouldn't give a cent toward obtaining factories.

There is now in course of construction a half dozen fine residences and quite a number of others are to be put up very soon.

It is very proper to say that taken as a whole the Times article is a lie, pure and simple.

Building Association Stock.

The building association man has made good boodle in Dwight during the past month, and those who have purchased stock think they have made a good investment, and probably they have, but why would it not have been as well to have purchased stock of a resident agent and give him the benefit and done better in the end? The Equitable Loan and Investment association, of Bloomington, of which W. G. Dustin is agent, sells stock at the same price, \$1 per share, or \$10 for ten shares. The monthly payments are 55 cents per share or \$5.50 per month on ten shares, and at the outside the stock will mature in eighty months or less, but at eighty months the stock costs, all told, \$450.

In the company that has been worked here the investor pays \$3 per month for ten years, or \$360 and \$10 membership fee makes \$370.

In the Bloomington company your stock matures and you have the use of your \$1,000 for three years before the other man. The interest on your \$1,000 at 6 per cent, for three years would amount to \$180. Take that amount from what you have originally paid, \$450, and you have \$270, what your \$1,000 has cost you at the end of ten years in the Bloomington. In the other association you have paid \$370. The difference in favor of the Bloomington is \$100. It is well to look into these things before purchasing.

Kardu, The Hindoo Widow.

At the missionary meeting at Congregational church Sunday evening, Mrs. Cole, the accomplished wife of Rev. Cole, appeared in the character and costume of Kardu, a Hindoo widow. The native costume of the Hindoo widow is a white robe, and envelops the form completely. Mrs. Cole told the pathetic story in a simple earnest manner, and the scenes described were realistic and interesting, and the large audience was greatly pleased.

As will be seen by an article in this issue, Mrs. Cole has gained fame as a lecturer, and already it has followed her to her new home in Illinois, and demands begins to come in for her lectures. She will speak at public meetings of the W. C. T. U. at Henry, Ill., Aug. 31, and at Danville, Sept. 4.

Special Services.

The Congregational church was full Wednesday night, and if the attendance increases as it has for the last month, they will require a larger room. The views in astronomy were very fine. Subject next Wednesday night, "The Deluge."

Next Sunday morning Rev. Cole will preach on "Health," and will describe beside the ordinary methods of treating diseases, the "Keeley Cure" as seen from an outside observer.

In the evening, subject of sermon, "Paul's first Missionary Journey," illustrated by map. A male quartette will assist in the services.

Struck by Lightning.

It is currently reported that one of the Trice brothers, real estate dealers was struck by lightning recently and instantly killed, in Missouri. We understand that it is Jas. Trice, one of the brothers that has not visited this neighborhood. In a letter from Mr. H. T. Trice he speaks of misfortunes, sickness and death in some of the families, but not of the lightning report. The many friends of the brothers in these parts will be pained to learn of their misfortune.

Tuttle Gets There!

After a long and severe struggle Mr. L. H. Tuttle, of Rooks Creek, has got a nomination for representative. He was nominated at the People's convention at Pontiac Tuesday. Springer Dickson was nominated for senator. The congressional convention the same day nominated N. S. Scriven for congress, and D. K. Tulfs, of Woodford county, for state board of equalization. The next thing is to get there.

Dr. Keeley Home.

Dr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Keeley and party will arrive in New York on the Augusta Victoria, which is due in New York city to-day. They will proceed directly to Dwight and will probably arrive here Monday or Tuesday.

Married.

The many friends of Miss Gussie VanFelt, who has been in the employ of Mrs. Fenn as trimmer for the past two seasons, will be somewhat surprised to learn of her marriage. She was united in the holy bonds to Mr. John Bayless, at their home in Wagon, Iowa, the 17th of the present month, and went to house keeping immediately. Miss VanFelt made many friends during her stay in Dwight who wish her success and happiness. Mr. Bayless is engaged in the drug business and is said to be a very fine young man.

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