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Opera House Opened.

The formal opening of our beautiful opera house Thursday evening was a brilliant affair. Every seat was occupied, and in addition to the opera chairs there were about one hundred chairs placed in the balcony. The audience was as intelligent and select as could be seen anywhere. The ladies were as pretty and elegantly dressed, and the gentlemen as gallant as any Chicago audience.

The opera house is undoubtedly the finest of any in any town the size of Dwight, and far superior to many cities of forty to fifty thousand inhabitants. The opera chairs are comfortable and are arranged so that a good view of the stage can be had from any part of the house. The lighting capacity of the house is as good as can be, and when turned on to full extent makes a brilliant showing. The stage is large enough for all purposes and the scenery and drop curtains are very pretty. The house is not finished yet. The walls will be handsomely decorated and other improvements made. There is only one fault to be found with the house, and that is that it should have been larger.

It is quite well known here that the inimitable John Dillon was a patient at the Keeley institute several months ago, and that he was thoroughly cured of the disease that was slowly but surely sapping away his mental and physical vitality, and that he expressed a desire to appear in his role of actor in Dwight at some future time. His extraordinary ability as an actor and his reliability in always having the best support was well known, and the managers of the house at once thought why would not this be just the thing for the grand opening. Many weeks since the opera house was donated to Dillon if he would come, and the date made for October 8.

The play presented was "A Model Husband," a conglomeration of flirtations, love and elopements, shedding new light on the perplexing question "Is Marriage a Failure."

The part of Benjamin Bascom, the model husband, who had been under his wife's apron strings for twenty-one years, but finally takes advantage of his wife's absence to have a time and gets caught at it, was taken by the inimitable John himself. Hattie Foley appeared as Mrs. Maria Bascom the wife of Benjamin, and is a fair sample of the "holly terror" wife. Augustus Bascom, their son, a modest young man until he had a chance, was finely represented by W. J. Deming. Arda La Croix, as Count Polkoto, the Italian nobleman; Vernon Somer, as Harry Sinclair; F. F. Barr as Bob, the hotel clerk, porter, etc.; May Blair as Annie Morris; the girl who never had a flirtation, and Anna M. Quinn her aunt, as Miss Annie Morris the old maid, who wanted a flirtation and a husband; May Noble as Mrs. Raymond, the widow for two years at the age of 19, were all finely taken. There is no poor material in the company.

The play throughout is full of laughable incidents and caused uproarious applause from the audience, and at the end of the third act Dillon was called before the curtain.

Dillon caught the audience when he told his wife she was talking through her suspenders. She replied that she didn't wear any suspenders. Dillon reported that she ought to wear them as she had wore the other things for a long time.

One thing is sure, the formal opening of the opera house was a brilliant event in the history of Dwight, and Manager Romberger informs us that he will make it a point to engage nothing but first-class companies.

NOTES

The ushers got along nicely for the first time.

Odell was represented by about a dozen visitors.

Manager Romberger was everywhere looking after the comfort of all.

There were about twenty-five people out from Chicago, headed by Col. Reed jr.

Next Monday evening the New York Star quartette will give a fine musical entertainment in the opera house.

Dr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Keeley, Major and Mrs. C. J. Judd and friends were present and enjoyed the entertainment.

Next Thursday evening there will be a very nice home entertainment given in the opera house—The Doll Drill. About fifty little girls will drill and there will be a musical and literary program.

The Andrews Opera company, composed of thirty-five people, will produce "Dorothy" Saturday Oct. 22, in the opera house. This is a high class operatic company and will be a decided treat. Popular prices, 75 and 50 cents. Tickets on sale at usual place, commencing Tuesday next.

The Races.

The races held Thursday under the auspices of the Dwight Driving Park Association proved a great drawing card to outsiders, and the merchants closed up their places of business, and hundreds of town people went to the park to see the fun, and it was surely a fine afternoon's sport. There was considerably over one thousand people present. The races were all run and to the satisfaction of all, except maybe to one or two that got beaten, and there is always got to somebody be beaten. The judges chosen this time were Lou Trunnell, Ed. Dittus and Ben Thompson. The starter was Austin Gibbons. The last position is a difficult one to please everybody, and he did very well. On account of the entries, not being completed in the first two races the third was called first. The home horses entered were Chicaumauga Chief, owned by Al Haynes; William Penn., Will Luther; Kentucky Belle, Frank Smith; and Ben Harrison by J. Lemna. The latter was withdrawn on account of sulky breaking. Chicaumauga Chief won the first two heats and race in 3:09 and 3:10½; William Penn., second, and Belle third.

The pony race was the most exciting and best of the day and had eight entries, but Jennie C. was over 14½ hands high and was scratched. Liddie D. owned by Chas. Danis; Bay Nellie, W. Ulrich; Little Joe, Wm. Gourley; Peter Jackson, Jas. Reardon; Gray Harry, J. Broad; Crazy Jim, O. Farrington; Little Chris, Thos. Hanlon. First money was between Little Joe and Little Chris, and they ran for their lives, but little Joe was the winner, Chris only taking second heat, Little Joe taking the first, third and fourth. Peter Jackson got third money.

In the first race, 3 minute trot, Buckskin, Slipnose and Charlie H. started. The latter won in three straight heats.

In the free-for-all run G. B., by C. O. Kelsey; D. H., L. O. Munger, Jennie C. and Little Nell started. D. H. won first money.

The entries in the 100 yard foot race were Frank Button, Robt. Gorman, W. McClusky and Jas. Walker. McClusky won in the slow time of 12 seconds.

SUMMARY.

FIRST RACE.
Three minute trot. Purse \$75. 1st, \$37.50, 2d, \$25, 3d, \$12.50.
Buckskin..... 2 2 2
Slipnose..... 3 3 3
Charlie H..... 1 1 1
Time, 3:13, 2:50, 2:45½.

SECOND RACE.
Free-for-all run, 1½ mile and repeat. Purse \$80. 1st, \$30; 2d, \$20; 3d, \$30.
G. B..... 1 2 2
D. H..... 2 1 1
Jennie C..... 3 3 3
Little Nell..... 4
Time, 5:31, 5:4, 5:5.

THIRD RACE.
Trot for home horses. Purse \$60. 1st, \$30; 2d, \$20; 3d, \$10.
Chicaumauga Chief..... 1
Wm. Penn..... 2
Kentucky Belle..... 3
Time, 3:09, 3:10½, 3:11.

FOURTH RACE.
Pony race. Purse \$60. 1st, \$30; 2d, \$20; 3d, \$10.
Liddie D..... 6
Bay Nellie..... 6
Little Joe..... 1 1
Little Chris..... 2 2
Peter Jackson..... 3 3
Gray Harry..... 4 4
Crazy Jim..... 5 5
Time, 5:41, 5:39, 5:31, 5:4.

The association has not yet decided whether they will have any further meetings this year, but they have decided to have some great meetings next year. The members intend to have the park track enclosed and build more stables and a large grand stand, ticket and business office, gate, etc., and fix everything in grand style, and offer purses that will bring the best horses in the west here. This is a source of amusement that is greatly enjoyed by our town people and those for miles around.

Engagement Extraordinary.

Chas. L. Romberger, as manager of the opera house, has entered into an engagement with the Andrews Opera Company for the production of one of the company's finest operas, "Dorothy." This company will appear in the opera house in Dwight on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 22. This the first engagement of a first class opera in Dwight, and affords our people an opportunity to enjoy a high grade musical treat at home.

Our Dentists.

Rx-vice-president Joseph E. Pace, who is city editor of the Mt. Vernon, Ill., Daily News, presents the following squib in a recent number of his paper:
Dwight, Ill., has a dentist possessing the suggestive name of "Ubellar." In the same block another dentist transacts business under the appropriate name of "Dr. Payne." When a man gets the toothache in Dwight he merely walks past that block, looks up at the dentist's signs and the throbbing in his jaw bone ceases.

Lost.

A gray overcoat. Finder please return to STAR and HERALD office and receive a suitable reward.

Republican Rally.

The republican rally last Friday evening was a success in every way. The crowd was thought by many to be the largest ever seen on the streets. The opera house proved inadequate for the occasion, not one-third of the people present gaining admittance. The special train from Pontiac arrived about 7:30, and was greeted at the depot by at least one thousand people. A committee met the marching club and directed them as to the line of march, and Herschal Hagerty accompanied the leader on the following line of march. Formed on West street, south to Prairie avenue, north to Mazon, east to West, south to Chippewa, east to East, north to Franklin, south to Chippewa, west to Prairie avenue, and south to opera house. The parade consisted of the Pontiac band, first voters club, sixty members, Burt Stinson's captain; colored club, Captain; regular club, Milt Witt, captain. Mr. Witt was also in command of the whole line. The Dwight club was not regularly organized and had no marching club and therefore did not march. At the opera house the lamps were left outside and all crowded in that crowd. There was fully a thousand people in the house and at least that many outside.

C. L. Romberger presided, and the Norman quartette, of Lexington, was first called upon and sang two campaign selections, and then the principal speaker of the evening, Hon. A. J. Lester, of Springfield, was introduced. Mr. Lester is a young lawyer and secretary of the Illinois state league of republican clubs. He is an excellent orator and made one of the best republican speeches ever listened to in this part of the state.

After more music by the quartette, Hon. Geo. W. Patton was introduced as the Demosthenes of Livingston county, and he delivered an excellent republican speech which was fully appreciated by the audience. After the speaking tickets were given for the republican cheer, the speakers, etc., and the band struck up a patriotic air.

Without the blowout was a very creditable one to the republicans. The committee could have made better arrangements by having the meeting in the park if they had expected such a large crowd, but it was too late to change. The republicans of Dwight wish to return their thanks to the speakers, Pontiac band and marching club, the people of Odell and surrounding country, for making the meeting the success it was.

After the meeting the following officers of the Dwight Harrison and Reid Club were elected: President, J. C. Lewis; vice-presidents, David Rilling, J. Knudsen, G. W. Boyer, Frank Smith, A. M. Orr, Bruce Reaerick; Treasurer, L. A. Naffziger; Secretary, W. G. Dus tin.

Republican Marching Club.

There was a good turnout of republicans Tuesday at Lyceum hall to organize a republican marching club for the campaign. Col. J. C. Lewis called the meeting to order about 8.15. Col. Parsons went to Chicago and purchased 100 umbrellas with torch attachment. Fifty of them were sold in the evening and the remainder Wednesday. Two hundred tickets were sold for the special train Wednesday evening and the 100 torches and umbrellas were out. The train arrived in Odell about eight o'clock and was met by the Pontiac and Odell clubs and marched about the streets. Hon. H. K. Wheeler, republican candidate for congress, was the orator of the evening.

The republican young ladies of Dwight turned out to the number of about thirty and went to Odell and marched in the procession. Each one carried a broom and presented a fine appearance, and received the cheers of the spectators. The ladies were given front seats in the opera house.

The Dwight Delegation took the cannon with them and in firing it off on the streets of Odell broke several windows out of the fronts of stores, which were immediately paid for.

The Dwightites returned home at 11:30 and formed in line and marched around the square and assembled in front of the Hagerty block and Colonel Lewis made a short speech.

The procession in Odell was very creditable, and citizens there say it was the largest ever seen in that town.

Congressman Snow, we understand, will speak in Odell the 21st.

The Farmer's Guide.

We will send "The Farmers Guide and Home Companion" and the STAR to HERALD for one year for \$3.00. The Farmers Guide contains forty columns of reading matter and is issued twice a month. This is an excellent chance to get an excellent agricultural paper cheap.

Dr. Palmer.

We mentioned last week that Rev. Palmer, of Onarga, called on us during his visit here. He seems to have enjoyed his visit, and still felt very good after his "treatment" here, as the following article from his paper indicates:

We were at Dwight last week, returning the first of this, and experienced great benefit from the "treatment" while there. We have not been able, so far, to detect any evil results arising from it. Possibly it is too soon after taking it to pronounce to confidently upon it. Of this we are sure that since our return we have not had the slightest desire for the flowing bowl. We think, although we do not wish to be too confident thus early, that the drink habit will not be able to dominate us in the future. We can say, as far as the present is concerned, that we are free from the curse of alcoholism, and hope to remain so, and believe we will. "We met Frank Parmelee while there. He will graduate from the Keeley Institute this week. He looks well, and says he is feeling first class. There were about three or four hundred patients, not counting ourselves. Dwight is great on shooting galleries, there being several besides that run by Keeley. The editors of the DWIGHT STAR and HERALD received us kindly, but they do that with all the institute boys, so we couldn't feel very "highly" on that account. They are running a good paper and are doing a good business. It looked like a work of supererogation to see, as we did while in their office, a safe unloaded, in which to place their filthy lucre and other things of supposed value. The unloading of a safe at this office would bring a smile to the face of a hermit.

Our Opera House.

The new opera house at Dwight, Ill., will be formally opened on the 6th of the present month by John Dillon and company and will be a pattern of neatness and convenience. The house is seated throughout with comfortable opera chairs, the seating capacity being about 600. It is lighted by electricity and steam heated. The stage furnishings are of the latest and most approved designs, the scenery and drop curtain having been painted by E. H. Ross of Chicago. The house was erected by the Leslie E. Keeley Company of Dwight, and is a credit to them as well as the city. The management has been placed in the hands of Charles L. Romberger, a most capable man, who assures us that only good legitimate companies will be booked. Time all open after Oct. 8.—Chicago Dramatic News.

A Democratic Meeting.

The Democrats of Dwight held an enthusiastic meeting at the office of S. T. K. Prime Monday evening and organized a campaign club. Remarks were made by several of those present. The following officers were unanimously elected: President, S. T. K. Prime; vice-president, Lou Trunnell; Secretary and Treasurer, W. H. Ketcham. The meetings will be held in Mr. Prime's office.

A Challenge.

C. A. Windle, of Cornell, the prohibition candidate for representative, has issued a challenge to the other candidates for the same office, for a joint debate on the school question. He is for the present school law and the other candidates are for its repeal as far as it conflicts with the right of parents to send their children to private schools.

Whittier's Night.

The attendance at the Congregational Church Sunday night was good and everyone present enjoyed an evening with Whittier. Rev. Cole gave a short biography of the great poet's life, and read a few selections. Miss Ella Conant, Mrs. Gould, Miss McKay and Mr. Faulkner also read selections, which were highly appreciated. All the musical selections were from Whittier, and it was indeed Whittier's night.

Democratic Speaking Announcements.

Gen. John M. Palmer and William R. Morrison are down on the program to speak in Chatsworth, October 17th, afternoon and evening.

Congressman Snow will speak in Dwight Oct. 27.

Congressman Snow will speak in Odell Oct. 21.

Everybody is invited to attend these meetings.

Democratic Rally.

Quite a number of democrats from Dwight attended the democratic rally at Pontiac Tuesday. Hon. H. J. Hunter, candidate for congressman at large, and Mr. O'Keefe were the orators. There was a grand parade in the evening. The attendance was large.

Governor J. B. Foraker.

It is semi-officially announced that Governor J. B. Foraker and Uncle Dick Oglesby will speak in Pontiac, the date to be named later.

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