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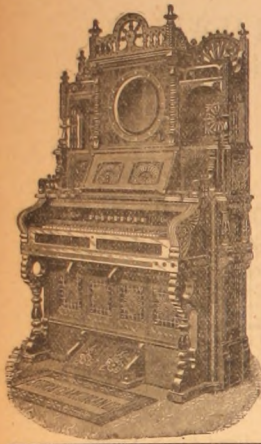
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### The Waterworks and Other Questions.

As everyone knows in Dwight the water works have not yet been on a paying basis, but on the contrary has been a rather expensive luxury so far. This state of affairs has been caused to a great extent by the lack of money to make the extensions of mains so that those that would be glad to take water could get it, and also the necessary expense of a night engineer caused by having no stand pipe. The expense of the system at present is about \$2,000 and the receipts about \$1,200. With this gloomy outlook staring the members of the village board in their faces they naturally looked around for some way to save this \$800 to the taxpayers. With no money to make extensions or erect a standpipe there was no way plain to them. Some of the members of the board heard that Mr. Spencer was about to erect a standpipe for his own fire protection, inquired of him as to the propriety of his erecting a larger stand pipe, sufficient for the use of the city. Mr. Spencer soon submitted a proposition something like this: He would take the present pumps and connections, one boiler and engine off the hands of the board and erect a stand pipe, if the village would award him a fifteen year contract and run an eight inch main to the hay press factory from up town and make extensions of mains as fast as they could. Mr. Spencer also proposed to make a general raise in the water rates, do his own collecting and turn over to the village twenty per cent. of the gross receipts.

Accepting such a proposition would virtually put the whole business in Mr. Spencer's hands, and abandon the present well of good water, power house, reservoir, etc., which has already cost over \$14,000. That proposition has been abandoned and should be. It is clearly evident that Mr. Spencer does not want that contract for his health, and also that if he can make money out of it the village can. There is no doubt but that he can run the water works a little cheaper than the village, as his engineer could run both the hay press and the water works, but not enough to make it an object to turn the plant over to him.

We think, with a great many other people, that the present expense can be cut down, and by making a few extensions the works can be put on a paying basis. In the first place the employing of a night engineer under the present circumstances can be done away with just as well as not to this extent: The night watchman can do all the engineer does at night and do his present duty as well as not. This is a fact, and if Mr. Wykes can attend to it on an account of not being an engineer, Mr. Blair could if he would, and if he wouldn't there are plenty of others that would be glad to get such a job. This item alone would save \$480 a year and cut the expenses to about \$1,500. A contract has already been made with the 3-I road for water for which they will pay \$20 per month. This added to the total receipts would increase them to about \$1,400--only lacking about \$100 of being on a paying basis. Then extra efforts should be made to secure the Alton road for water, even if they (the village), don't get as much as they wish. Any reasonable contract with them would put the works making money for the city in a month. Then as fast as possible make the extensions and in a short time the works would be helping out in good shape. There should be no sentiment about this matter. It should be done and done quick. Other villages and cities make money out of their water systems and there is no reason why Dwight shouldn't.

There will be an extra session of the board next Tuesday night and business men are earnestly requested by the board to be present. There is no doubt of the need of a stand pipe, and this meeting is principally called for the purpose of devising means to raise money for that purpose. Mayor Romberger will advance \$200 and it is earnestly hoped that our monied men will help the village. A stand pipe sufficient for needs of the city, we are informed, can be put up for \$3,000 or \$4,000 at the outside. Then the village would have ample and much needed fire protection right and day.

There is no doubt but what the present board has had a pretty hard time of it to get along, and had not the Leslie E. Keeley Co. came to the front and helped them out financially, they would have had to stop business long ago. But they should not get discouraged, as all fair minded business men knew the predicament they were in, and know it was not their fault and that they have done the best they could under the circumstances.

It has been intimated that to cut down the expenses the street commis-

sioner's office will be done away with for the winter. This is certainly a bad plan. If there is ever a time when Dwight needs the street commissioner it is in the winter, as we have some of the worst weather of any time, and the crossings, streets and sidewalks get in a horrible condition. The cut down can be accomplished with much better satisfaction to all in the manner we have suggested above.

### THE POWER HOUSE.

The contractor that built the power house should be drawn and quartered. He slighted his work, even to criminal neglect and should be prosecuted. The heavy slate roof was put on brick walls with only one small brace on the inside. There was nothing to hold the walls together, and the top of the east wall has spread slightly in two places. Provisions were made at the meeting of the board Tuesday night for repairing the house which can be done now at a slight cost.

The story about one of the pumps being badly damaged is not so. The truth is, that when the pumps first commenced to work, some gravel got in and cut one of the valves slightly. Mr. Taylor informs us that the story that the reservoir leaked is also false. It is to be hoped that the business men of the town will come to the front next Tuesday night and help the village board out. There are plenty of men with money in the town that could give a lasting benefit by advancing a few hundred dollars and they should do it, and they will do it if they have the interests of Dwight at heart. They have no business to see the village board tied up hand and foot when they are struggling to make public improvements and have to stop for the lack of a few thousand dollars, and we don't believe they will.

### EQUALIZED VALUATION.

There has been a great deal of talk around Dwight in regard to the taxes having been raised, and that they would be a hardship on the poor people. There are always those in a community that have an insane desire to make matters worse than they are, and never look on the bright side of anything. We haven't many of that kind and it's a good thing. The equalized valuation of village property is now \$23,000 in round numbers. It was \$12,000 before, nearly double. This increase is confined to new residence and business property, such as the Leslie E. Keeley Co. buildings, Keppinger block, Diefenbaugh Bros., Mrs. Keohlein's store and the residence of Mr. Keohlein. Residence, Renfrew addition property which was assessed by the acre before, and many other new buildings throughout the village. The taxes will not be raised but on the contrary will probably be lowered a little, and we venture to say that the Leslie E. Keeley Co. and David McWilliams will pay half the tax, the former paying about two-fifths. The village indebtedness can be wiped out or placed in a condition to be easily paid by issuing additional bonds of about \$8,000, which is allowable under the new equalization. The corporation tax is \$1.55 on \$100.

### Dwight Robbery.

Dwight will get notorious for express robberies, another one having taken place last Friday at the 3-I depot or on the 3-I train. Last Friday Will Morris' man, McCarthy, took a \$2,000 package from the express office down town to the 3-I depot and the agent received it and put it in his safe in the caboose. The expressman on the train claims that he locked the safe, but when he reached Budd station he had occasion to go to the safe and upon trying his key found the safe unlocked and the package gone. Where it went no one knows. That is about all there is to the story so far.

Tuesday the division superintendent of this division of the U. S. express and two detectives were in town in close connection with the express authorities, the outcome of which has not yet come out.

This makes \$4,000 the company is out in Dwight during the past year.

We understand the detectives and authorities are on close scent of the thieves with good prospects of unearthing the rascals. It is to be hoped they will be successful.

### World's Fair Souvenirs.

Some of the world's fair half dollars will be out sometime in December. They can be obtained in lots of not less than fifty. In most places the local bank supplies them, or else clubs are formed of fifty each and one of the members is delegated to send the money--\$50 for fifty half dollars. There are thousands of applications in already. Is there fifty in Dwight who want a souvenir half dollar? If so let some one start a club list, and address A. F. Seeberger, treasurer World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, and they can get them when their turn comes.

### Religious Services.

Lord willing Rev. F. Busse, P. E. of the northern Illinois district of the Illinois conference of the Evangelical association, will preach in the German Evangelical church of Dwight next Sunday evening, November 27, at 7:30 o'clock.

I wish to return thanks to the Leslie E. Keeley Co. for the pleasant Thanksgiving complimentary received. Respectfully yours,  
B. C. WAGNER.

### County Seat News.

Circuit court is in session.

Harry McDowell and J. W. Hoover will step down and out, Dec. 5. Holly and Thompson will step up and in.

Dick Thornton is now in the employ of the DWIGHT STAR AND HERALD as agent. He visited his people here Sunday.

In the circuit court last week the Moat-Miller manslaughter case was commenced. Daniel D. Mowry, for rape and incest, discharged. Wm. O. McParland was sentenced to two years for rape. Frank T. Thompson two years for burglary. Geo. Smith two years for assault with intent to commit larceny. Quite a number of cases were continued.

There is one republican postmaster in Livingston county who evidently thinks W. E. Baker, chairman of the democratic county committee, is the postmaster general, as he has sent in his resignation to Mr. Baker and suggests a good democrat as his successor. Gene has accepted the resignation, but has not appointed the new man yet.--F. T. & O.

Candidates for postoffices are bobbing up in every town now. It is pretty generally believed that as the Pontiac postoffice was the first one to be taken from the democrats under Harrison's administration, it will be one of the first to be given to the democrats. Our friends must not be too impatient, however. This is a big country, and it requires time to get at the details.--F. T. & O.

There has already a lively scramble begun for the Dwight postoffice. This is the most lucrative postoffice in the county and the fellows who wish to serve Uncle Sam in that office are plenty. The following is the list of candidates to date with a number of back wards to hear from: Spencer Eldredge, B. A. Buck, John Thompson, L. J. Trunnell, James Kelagher and John W. Baker. Mr. Kelagher has a petition already signed by 500 names and seems to be in the lead.--Sentinel.

The following jurors for the first two weeks of the January term of circuit court, convening January 30, 1893, have been drawn:

Waldo--George Murray.  
Nebraska--Wm. O'Brien.  
Long Point--James Bennett.  
Reading--H. F. Davis.  
Pike--J. L. Ewing, Daniel Dehner.  
Amity--Perry E. Hapner.  
Newtown--C. C. Leonard.  
Pontiac--J. W. Bruner, Wm. Harvey Ed. Dean, R. P. Finley.  
Sunbury--F. W. Hann, Thomas Cass. idy, H. J. Sandelman.  
Indian Grove--N. B. Claudon, T. D. George.

Avoca--G. J. Hobert.  
Odell--J. J. Pfau.  
Nevada--Joseph Buffham, George Crawford.  
Fayette--Henry Berlet, A. L. Coan, George Ifft.

Forrest--T. G. Keir.  
Pleasant Ridge--Matt Blaine.  
Dwight--B. R. Griffith.  
Charlotte--James Donovan, W. H. Foreman.  
Sullivan--Morris King.  
Broughton--John Y. Pitcher, W. W. Porter, William O'Brien.  
Round Grove--Louis Pfefferman, James Huggins.

For the second two weeks commencing January 16, 1893:

Waldo--C. R. Bamber.  
Reading--W. B. Hohenshell, William Brill, George Brown.  
Pike--John Guthrie, John McMillen, Lewis Lehman.  
Rooks Creek--Joseph Piper.  
Amity--Lyman Corbin.  
Newtown--John Mortland.  
Eppards Point--H. E. Lambert, O. Farley.  
Esmen--George Brunskill.  
Sunbury--H. L. Davis, John McGown.  
Belle Prairie--Samuel Roth.  
Indian Grove--Charles Hamlin, Guy Farr.  
Owego--John M. Wince, James Burns.  
Odell--Ench Allen, James Gordon.  
Nevada--S. J. Brunback.  
Fayette--Alfred Larson, Fred Koontz.  
Forrest--Malachi Garrity.  
Sannemin--Robert Miller.  
Union--H. M. Thomas.  
Dwight--W. E. Fenn.  
Germanville--Jacob Schade, Charles Dason.  
Charlotte--Frank Barnum, William Gardner.  
Broughton--Oscar Slagle.  
Round Grove--George Fox, Thomas Chapple.

Hon. N. J. Myer, of Eppards Point, had to wheel P. Osburne around the court house square last Saturday afternoon, as the result of not guessing right on the election. The Hon. N. J. undertook to play horse with Mr. Osburne by trying to tire him out, in only pushing the wheelbarrow a short distance at a time, but Mr. Osburne stayed by him and amid the jeers and shouts of the crowd finally completed his disagreeable task.--Free Trader and Observer.

### Very Successful.

Energy and straightforward dealing always reap their just reward. Such has been the case with C. Y. Trice, the Kansas land man. When he first came to this community a great many things were said of him that were unkind and should not have been said. This has been proved by the testimony of every one who has had any dealings with him, and especially by those who have made a trip to Kansas with him. We have yet to find one person who has taken the Kansas trip with C. Y. Trice and his assistants who does not speak well of him, and this includes some of the best and solidest citizens of this section of Illinois. They not only speak well of Mr. Trice and his treatment of them, but speak well of the climate of that part of Kansas he represents, and the lands he handles.

As much as we deprecate the loss of good citizens from our community, we must acknowledge that Kansas is a good state, and Butler county an excellent farming section, or else, after having been there and seen everything, people would not be foolish enough to go.

Mr. C. Y. Trice has not yet announced another excursion, but he will undoubtedly run one soon. His honorable dealing has made it possible to fill a car almost any time with people that will buy land, and we don't know of anyone better to go with than C. Y. Trice, the Kansas land man.

### Honor the Chief.

South Dakota is one of the state ships which failed to go down in the madstrom of democratic votes last Tuesday. She rode out the storm with out starting a seam and is to-day safely in the republican harbor. For this fact the thanks of republicans everywhere are due to J. M. Greene, chairman of the state central committee, in a great degree than to any other one man. Of course the implicit obedience of his trusted lieutenant was a great factor; but the clear brain and steady nerve which directed their efforts through it all and carried the party to victory were those of Chairman Greene. Amid all the turmoil of the campaign he never missed a point, and the schemes of the opposition, both proposed and accomplished, failed to rattle him in the slightest degree. He foiled or rendered innocuous the last one of them, and the thanks of the party rightly belong and are heartily tendered to Chairman Greene. He has in every instance and most thoroughly verified the predictions and confidence of the friends who made him the campaign leader of the party for South Dakota--Sioux Falls (S. D.) Daily Press.

Mr. Greene was formerly a citizen of Dwight, working at the tinners' trade for Parsons & Hertz, afterwards going to Verona and embarking in the hardware business, then moving to Chamberlain, South Dakota.

### Swapped.

E. E. Fenn & Co., and Sargent & Bassett, two of our hustling young business firms, swapped businesses--as the yankee peddler would say--last Saturday. And now E. E. Fenn & Co., are running a first-class cigar and tobacco store and shooting gallery combined, known as the "Club Store," on West street, and Sargent & Bassett are conducting a first-class grocery store in Keppinger's block. The STAR AND HERALD wishes both firms the best of success, and if energy, business, tact and go aheadiveness counts for anything, they will both be winners.

### Special Assessment.

Collector Naffziger made his first report to Treasurer Brubaker Tuesday and turned over something over two thousand dollars of special assessments for sewers. The citizens are paying up very well. There is an immense amount of work connected with the collector's office and Mr. Naffziger has not yet notified the property holders. By the way, there seems to be a place for all that will be paid in. The sewer contractors are anxious for their money, and quite a number of others hold orders which they are anxious to realize on.

### The K. P. Ball.

The fourth annual ball and reception given by Helron Lodge, K. P. of Dwight, at Lyceum hall, was one of the finest affairs of the season. There were about eighty couple and the hall was completely filled with merry dancers. The K. P.'s have always had the reputation of doing things up brown, and this is no exception. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting, the music was excellent, and everyone present enjoyed a pleasant time. Their annuals are not gotten up for gain, but just for a good time, but we understand they will clear about thirty dollars.