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The Old People's Party.

The following is taken from a late copy of the Golden State, a paper published at Stockton, Cal., the home of W. B. Fyfe. We reproduce it in full, knowing that it will be read with interest by many of our readers:

Mr. W. B. Fyfe of this city has an interesting relic of sporadic local people's party movement which grew up in Livingston county, Illinois, in 1873, and in which Mr. Fyfe was prominent. The relic is a postal card, with what follows printed on the back of it: Platform of the Farmers' and Peoples Anti-Monopoly Party of Livingston County, Ill.

DECLARATION.

This organization is opposed to railroad steals, tariff steals, salary grafts, bank steals, and other forms of thieving by which the farmers and laboring classes are robbed of the legitimate fruits of their labor.

PLATFORM.

FIRST—We are in favor of controlling by law the railroad corporations of our state.

SECOND—We submit to taxation and the duties to meet the necessities of the government, but we denounce as unjust and oppressive all taxation for the benefit of special classes.

THIRD—We are in favor of the present banking system being so made that all men, by giving proper security, should have equal privileges, so that supply and demand shall regulate our money market.

FOURTH—We are opposed to all future grants of lands to railroads or other corporations, and believe that the public domain should be held sacred to the actual settlers.

FIFTH—We are in favor of a true system of civil service reform, making honesty and capacity the only valid claim for public employment; and believe that the office should seek the man and not the man the office.

S. K. PRIME, Sec'y Farmers' and People's Anti-Monopoly Party, of Livingston county, Illinois.

If you are in sympathy with us, please acknowledge receipt.

Dwight, Livingston Co. Ill. These postal cards were sent to every man in the county; were printed and endorsed by the Chicago Tribune and Times; were sent in response to request to many people outside the county; and as a result the peoples party of Livingston county, Ill. carried the county by an overwhelming majority. All of which shows that the heart of the people is against monopoly everywhere, and that a little expenditure will accomplish a great deal if made in the right way.

And all this explains why Mr. Fyfe calls himself an original peoples party man, though he doesn't agree with the peoples party of now on finance.

Death of Jeremiah Weagly.

From a copy of the Public Opinion, of Chambersburg, Pa., we clip the following regarding the death of Jeremiah Weagly, brother of J. P. Weagly, late of Dwight, and who died in 1883. Mr. Weagly has several relatives residing in Dwight, he being an uncle of Mrs. C. M. Baker, Mrs. Conner and the late Mrs. David McWilliams:

"Jeremiah Weagly, one of Antrim township's most respected and successful school teachers, has gone to that bourne whence no traveler returns. He expired after an illness of only three days, on Thursday of last week at noon, in his school room, seated at his desk with pen in hand. He was stricken with paralysis and expired Saturday morning. His funeral took place on Monday afternoon, interment in Cedar Hill cemetery, Greenacres. As requested the six school directors of Antrim township acted as pall bearers.

"The deceased was surely an experienced teacher, having taught forty-five consecutive winter terms. All these terms were served in Antrim township with the exception of one, which was taught in Waplesboro. He taught at one school in Antrim township for twenty-eight years, which verifies the statement that he certainly must have been a skillful instructor. He was aged sixty-four years and is survived by a widow and two sons, Edward, who is engaged to be married to Annie, and Dr. T. H. Weagly, of Marion.

Annually, since the first session of the county teachers' institute, Mr. Weagly was in attendance, but alas, he will be missed at our coming convention of next week. Peacefully may our brother teacher rest from all his labors, and may his good works follow him."

Prepare to Sell Holiday Goods.

Remember the next issue of the STAR AND HERALD will reach almost every family within a radius of ten or fifteen miles of Dwight. It will be twelve papers in size and printed on tinted paper. Be sure and be in it. All copy must be in by Wednesday. Come early with your ads and get good position.

Pontiac Performances.

Alex. Renos is after the postoffice, but if the democrats vote on it, will he get it?

The Pontiac Sentinel looks very neat in its new dress, and it has also improved editorially.

Eugene Baker is recovering rapidly from a severe attack of the rheumatism and is once more handling the county cash.

We understand that Burt Baker says he has some hats coming from Dwight. (Don't get bare-headed about it Burt, you can't wear only one at a time.—Ed.)

We understand that a new county map will soon be issued by a Chicago firm. It is said that it will be very complete and show the location of roads, farms, streams, etc.

Common law cases were on trial all last week in the circuit court, and nothing startling happened. A new trial was granted to John Moore, who was convicted of forgery.

The newly elected county officers took possession of their offices Monday morning. Geo. Franzen and Miss Thompson will assist Hugh Thompson in the circuit clerk's office. Mr. T. has moved his family to the county seat.

The county farmers alliance held a meeting in the court house Tuesday afternoon. It was quite largely attended and matters of interest were discussed. It was a "keep in the middle of the road" affair, so common mortals without the pass-word had to stay out.—T. T. & O.

The county authorities should purchase a pair of mittens for their clerk. Its hands froze last week during the sleet and they refused to point the time. We understand that several thousand dollars were lost by jurors not getting around on time during those three or four days, and thus the savings to be derived by the county from that source to pay for the clock, are gone where the woodbine twisteth and the honeysuckle hugs.

Captain Jas. Hoover, our retired circuit clerk, was completely knocked out with a gold-headed cane and robbed of his usual serenity for a few minutes last Wednesday evening, and when Jim Hoover is robbed of his serenity, you may wager your last dollar that it is something out of the regular order of daily business. The members of the Livingston county bar were the guilty ones that robbed Jim of his serenity, and Hon. Chris. Strawn, in his choicest English, applied the cane, which was a handsome one. The reason Mr. Hoover was so unceremoniously held-up was because he has been a thoroughly competent and accommodating circuit clerk and a first-class all-around citizen. Such is fate.

Col. Morgan.

We are in receipt of a clipping from the San Francisco Daily Chronicle, containing a synopsis and quotations from a voluminous report of the conditions of the railroads of California, as made by our esteemed townsman, Col. R. P. Morgan. He was asked to make this investigation in respect to what would be just and equitable rates of freights and fares, taking into account operating expenses and all other matters of general import bearing thereon and affecting the operation of railroads in that state. Col. Morgan reports that California, with the exception of Colorado, is the most difficult and expensive state to build railroads in, and that Illinois has the most favorable conditions. In regard to Illinois the Chronicle says regarding the report, as follows:

"The most fortunate railroad state in the United States is briefly described as Illinois, and in support of the statement that railroads are quickly and profitably built there, the point is made that with one-third the area of California it has 10,000 miles of railroad 'far surpassing in conveyance and equal in excellence to those of any state in the Union. Eighty-five per cent of all the lands in Illinois are within five miles of railroads in actual operation, 11 1/2 per cent between five and ten miles, 2 1/2 per cent between ten and fifteen miles, and 1 per cent between fifteen and twenty miles."

The report is complete in every form, and adds more laurels to the fame of our popular citizen and eminent engineer, Col. R. P. Morgan. The report is signed by Richard P. Morgan and also Dwight C. Morgan, as assistant engineer.

Dissolved Partnership.

The firm heretofore known as Jacobsen & Smith is this day dissolved, E. Smith retiring. Mr. H. P. Jacobsen will continue the business at the same stand and collect all bills and pay all indebtedness of the old firm.

H. P. JACOBSEN.
ED. SMITH.

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1892.

"Is Marriage a Failure?"

It may be in some cases. Some people make a failure of everything they undertake, while others are always successful, and some strike a happy medium. The above is the title of a laughable comedy put on at the opera house Tuesday evening by the Jos. Le Brandt company. The play is full of laughable incidents from beginning to end, and the audience, judging from the amount of cheering, was well pleased. Jos. Le Brandt, in his character of Corydon Foxglove, a solicitor, is as good as anybody could be in the part. E. J. Griffiths, as Tommy Chubb, is all right; Mrs. Jos. Le Brandt in the part of the leading lady, and Emily Green as Perkins and Lillian Grey-thorne as Phoebe Tangle, were all well taken, and J. A. Thompson as Paul Weldon was good. Little Irene, as Dot, however, took the honors. She is a very pretty little girl, a nice singer and a pretty dancer. Her negro melody and walk around and dance after caused the wildest cheering that has yet been heard in the opera house. For a light comedy the play is a good one, and Jos. Le Brandt and his company handle it well.

Epworth League Entertainment.

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church, gave a very interesting musical and literary entertainment in the church Tuesday evening, to a good audience.

Miss Minnie Lower sang a solo in a pleasing manner, and Miss Cora Baker gave a very nice select reading.

The male quartette, consisting of Messrs. Stevens, Naffziger, Bower and Wilson, rendered several selections, which were very fine, and met with encores.

Mrs. F. A. Haise favored those present with a funny reading, entitled, "Jimmy and the Editor."

Lou Pearre's recitation was well received.

A duet by Miss Addie Fenn and Mr. Stevens was nicely rendered.

The program closed with a song from the male quartette.

Rev. Conard made interesting and instructive remarks regarding league work, and after a short business meeting, adjourned.

The young people are generally much pleased that the league has once more commenced to give entertainments, as they are a source of much enjoyment.

Ricker-Mahannah.

Miss Minnie Ricker and Frank Mahannah, of Round Grove, were quietly married in Pontiac last week Thursday, but he never said anything to us about it. Just as like as not he didn't think it was any of our business, but it is, because we want the news. Well, Frank, we'll let you off this time, but don't let it occur again. The young lady is one of Round Grove's fairest daughters and Frank is a hard-working, honorable young man. We join their many friends in wishing them all the joy, success and prosperity there is in it.

The Kansas Land Advocate Again.

C. Y. Trice has concluded to move his family back to Kansas instead of Chicago, on account, he says, of the climate there being more healthy, being a higher altitude and consequently more pure air. His moving his family back, however, will not prevent Mr. Trice from conducting business in this neighborhood, and indeed, he intends to enlarge it instead of diminish it. Mr. Trice informs us that private excursions will be run from time to time, and those who wish to go should make it known early so they may be accommodated.

The Carnival.

Although the STAR AND HERALD is printed to early for a report this week, we are sure it was a grand success. Many of the business houses of Dwight are represented and the make-ups are many of them, beautiful and laughable, and the remarks to be made by the young ladies will be interesting and funny. Everyone should go to-night sure. It is given for the benefit of the school and should receive a general patronage from the people. To-night is the last.

Elected Officers.

The election of officers for next year in Henry Fox Camp, Sons of Veterans, was held last Saturday night, and resulted as follows: Captain, W. G. Dustin; 1st Lieut., Jas. Seabert; 2d Lieut., Fred Mowbray, camp council, H. F. Boyer, J. K. Dufman and Orville Brown; delegate, H. F. Boyer; alternate, Orville Brown. The retiring officers have served well and faithfully, but most of them having served two terms, refused re-election. The camp is in a flourishing condition and have a very pretty and neatly furnished hall.

The Carnival.

The following is the programme rendered at the carnival last night and also the one for to-night:

FRIDAY EVENING.

Piano Solo.....Miss Maggie Kern.
Quartette.....James Broughton,
Vocal Solo.....Rev. H. M. Cole.
Business Representation—
High School Girls.
Quartette—
Grand March.....High School Girls.
Collecting Votes for Prize—
Comic Duet—
W. T. Wilson and Mable Huey.
Recitation.....Adaline Baker.
Ladies' Quartette—
Misses Adams, Fenn, Barr
and Lower.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Piano Solo.....Miss Stella Flagler.
Male Quartette.....Soldiers' Chorus.
Messrs. Stevens, Naffziger, Bower
and Wilson.
Recitation.....Oration on O'Connor.
Vocal Solo.....Miss Mildred Rabe.
Business Representation—
High School Girls.
Male Quartette—
Messrs. Stevens, Naffziger, Bower
and Wilson.
Grand March.....High School Girls.
Collecting Votes for Prize—
Comic Duet....."A. B. C."
W. T. Wilson and Mable Huey.
Recitation....."Story of Washington."
Emma Barr.

Ladies' Quartette—

Misses Adams, Fenn, Barr
and Lower.

Blind Boone is a Marvelous Piano Player.

The crowd of people who were present at the Tabernacle Methodist Church last night enjoyed a genuine treat in the piano playing of Blind Boone. Boone has never seen a piano in his life, but he handles the keyboard with an artist's touch. While his programme is not of a pretentious order, the blind player in a few of his selections showed remarkable ability in the interpretation of classical music. This was especially noticeable in his rendition of Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsodie, No. 6. His ability as a composer, moreover, is of no mean order. The "Marched Tornado," one of his works, is charming and realistic and called forth loud applause. Probably the most wonderful portion of the concert which he gave last night was his playing a piece after a stranger from the audience played it once. While the stranger was rendering it, Blind Boone listened attentively, and when the stranger left his seat at the piano, Boone took his place, tapped the keys with his fingers once or twice, launched it with the selection, and without any hesitation, played it through to the end. Boone was born in the Uo on camp in Miami, Mo., and lost his sight with brain fever when he was 2 months old.—Detroit Free Press.

At the opera house in Dwight, D. C. 20.

Coming Attraction.

Friday evening Dec. 16, the best of them all, Hoyt's "A Hole in the Ground," A companion to "A Trip to Chinatown," will be given in the opera house.

That Hoyt's plays are funny goes without saying, and none more so than the above named. The entire three acts are full to the brim with bright, witty satire and music, and specialty features without end. Charles Cowles, in the character of the stranger, has a part that suits his clever capabilities, and from which he succeeds in extracting an endless amount of enjoyment for the audience. To hear him say "Is that clock right?" and see him take refuge in the "swearing room" is sufficient unto the ends of laughter for days to come. Frank Lawton, as the Station Agent, also gives us the stage creation of a typical railroad official who exists in real life, as those who have traveled much can abundantly testify. Then there is the pert Lunch Counter Girl, and the pretty Telegraph Operator, played respectively by Miss Virginia Earl and Miss Margaret May, who played Tags in the "County Fair" last season; Barry Maxwell; the Tramp, the Young Elopers, and the "Tarrers," all with their specialties to introduce, aside from the laugh-provoking scenes and situations in which Mr. Hoyt has placed them in his satire. Hoyt's name and laughter go hand-in-hand.

The Schubert Quartette.

The Schubert Symphony club and Lady Quartette entertained a very small audience at the opera house last night. It was such a superior entertainment to that which usually gets dates here that it is too bad a larger audience was not present. It was doubtless thought by playgoers that this would be an entertainment similar to those they are usually bored with and consequently would not go. It was, however, the best entertainment that has been given at the opera house for some time and deserved the liberal patronage the company will have when it plays a second engagement here this season, as it is understood they will do.—Canton, (Ill.) Daily Register.

What an Offer!

The Prairie Farmer and this paper from now to Jan. 1, 1894, for \$1.75.