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Coal Hole.

A committee, consisting of J. A. Hayes, John Leach, Roger Mills, Will Ketcham and Geo. Kern, canvassed the town last Saturday with a subscription paper for the purpose of raising money to be expended in sinking coal wells. They had excellent success, obtaining subscriptions to the amount of \$504, outside of the amount that will be paid by J. A. Hayes and D. McWilliams. It is the intention to do the prospecting on the Hayes and McWilliams property north of town, and work, we understand, will commence immediately. Mr. Hayes informs us that if a sufficient vein of coal can be found the Star Company, of Streator, will come here immediately and sink shafts and put in all machinery necessary and commence operations as soon as practicable. The prospects are that coal will be found in paying quantities as it has been struck several times. If operations are commenced here it will undoubtedly bring a great many men and families to Dwight, or if not to Dwight directly, so near that they will do a great amount of their trading here.

Coal mines have their benefits and their drawbacks, as the experience of many places teaches. If Dwight was to go through the experience a great many places have, it would be far better for the people to pay a little more for their coal and have no miners. But on the other hand if mines can be conducted and good men found to work them and work in them, it would be all right. It is claimed that the miners at Chenoa, Pontiac, Forrest and Fairbury are, as a class, good, intelligent citizens, and are a benefit to the town; but in many places they are not, and only bring saloons and discord generally. There is one thing sure, if coal mines are going to bring saloons, Dwight does not want them, and the managers of the new enterprise should look well into this matter. If the mines are located on the Hayes or McWilliams farms and the operators live in groups near the mines, of course they would be outside the corporation, and would have no voice in local elections and at the same time the town would undoubtedly be benefited. But if they are to be inside the corporation it would be a dangerous experiment.

The men who have taken an interest in this matter and have been instrumental in raising the money do not anticipate any trouble regarding a change in our no-license system or they would not have anything to do with it, as they are all consistent business men and no-license men.

MORE ABOUT COAL.

Mr. J. A. Hayes informs us that in conversation with the assistant superintendent of the Star coal company, he was informed that the prospectors, tools, etc., would be shipped to Dwight in two or three weeks—as soon as they finished sinking some holes near Streator. Also that the superintendent, who is now in Iowa, would probably come to Dwight and tell the people just what they will do if coal is found. Mr. Hayes also says that as near as it could be found out by the well sinkers that there is a six foot or more, vein of coal on his farm.

AN OLD HOLE.

At the time the prospect was made on the Hahn farm, almost directly east of where the branch track comes in, particular attention was paid to the different substances, and they were found to be as follows:

Substances	ft.	in.
Soil and clay	104	
Sand and Water	3	6
Marley Clay	2	
Sand Shale and Water	3	
Sand Shale	4	
Sand and shale	7	8
Shale and Clay	14	5
Black Slate	4	2
Fine Sand Rock	22	9
Soap Stone	4	6
Fine Sand rock	51	
Soap Stone	1	6
Total to coal	219	9
Coal	4	
Fire Clay	4	5
Lime rock underneath		

Our Office Moved.

The STAR AND HERALD office is now nicely located in a new building on Chippewa street, just west of the Alton tracks. The building was erected by Mayor Chas. L. Romberger, and under the supervision of the proprietors of the STAR AND HERALD, and if we haven't got just what we wanted, we can go out in the engine house and kick ourselves, for we drew the plan ourselves. The building is 60x24 with boiler and coal house in rear. Forty-five feet is used for mechanical purposes and fifteen feet in front as a business office and stock room with partition between. The whole building is comfortably heated by steam. Our presses run by steam. One gentleman remarked that it was all run by steam

except the paper, and that was run by wind, but we don't believe that.

We are indebted to Dick and Laurie Roe for moving the office, to B. A. Buck for steam fixtures, to Chas. Crandall for a display of his handy work in the carpenter line, and several other gentlemen, and we don't know how long they will let us be indebted to them, and if we could make arrangements to get what money is coming to us in one way and another it might save us from trouble. We wouldn't dun anyone for \$1.25 but just merely mention the above fact to fill up the paper.

Please call anyway, and if you don't owe us anything make arrangements to as soon as possible.

The Axe Fell.

The water works are just now about on a paying basis. The heavy axe of the town board fell Tuesday night and the head of a city employe in the person of Engineer Bartholic, fell into the municipal basket with a dull thud, but Mr. Bartholic says he is not sorry. He is a good man and it is always easy for a good man to get work or get into some kind of business that pleases him. The advice of the STAR AND HERALD has finally been taken and expenses cut down to what they might have been for some time. As the water works now stand the engineers are Thomas Blair and night marshal Spencer. The hours of duty of the marshals are as follows: Marshal Orr goes on at 11 a. m. and remains until 11 p. m., and Marshal Spencer, who is a practical engineer, goes on at 6 p. m. at the power house and keeps the fires up all night and also makes the regular night marshal rounds after Orr goes home. Thus the village saves about \$600 a year, and the service at the water works and the police department is just as good.

This action of the board is certainly commendable. The extensions will be made as fast as practicable and the stand pipe erected, and before another year the water works will probably be paying the village a handsome revenue. This is far better than turning the works over to private parties.

County Atlas.

Livingston county is much in need of a county atlas containing reliable maps and township plats, and it is with pleasure that we announce that we are about to have one. Mr. W. S. Frisbey, representing the Occidental Map Co., of Chicago, called on us Thursday and laid his plans before us, and we consider them good. Mr. Frisbey is a pleasant gentleman of several years experience in his work and knows what he is talking about. He is making his headquarters at the Livingston and will remain here some three or four weeks, and has already taken a great number of orders for his atlas.

The atlas will contain a double page map of the United States, an Illinois railroad map, all clearly engraved and printed in colors; township plats (two inches to one mile) showing section roads, railroads, creeks, churches, etc., also village plat showing location of all business, etc. The work will also contain historical records of hundreds of prominent people, and will be complete in every form.

We shall speak of the atlas further as the work proceeds.

A Popular Man Falls.

Everyone knows the genial face of Dr. Abbott, the New Yorker, who recently located in Dwight for the practice of medicine. The doctor has already built up a good practice and last Monday morning, everything being favorable, he procured one of Boyer's rigs and started to enjoy a sleigh ride and at intervals visit the sick. He was in the act of turning the horse and cutter around on a street in the west end, and at the same time several youngsters had taken advantage of the doctor's good nature and had "caught on" with their sleds, and on the runners. The doctor was watching them more than the horse and in an unguarded moment the cutter turned over and the doctor was landed in a snow bank, and the horse and cutter went to Mr. Boyer's stable unattended but right side up with care. Sam says the horse came into the barn laughing, but the doctor, he didn't laugh, but got up, brushed the snow from himself, and made his way to his office. He was lame for a few days, but came up smiling just the same.

Advertised Letters.

Thos. F. Crowley, F. R. Gonton, Miss Cora Hansen, John Kuntzman, D. M. Myers, C. F. Miller, G. E. Olden, Dr. Edwin Harley Pratt, Mrs. Elva Parks, Wm. Rost, John Smith, Richard Scharf, Mr. James Walton, Mike Burk, Mollie Beeks, Pitt George, Bert Grimes, Ingram Jenkins, W. F. Norton.

Death of Mrs. Dunlop.

Died—in Ridgedale, Tenn., (suburb of Chattanooga) at 10 a. m., Jan 10, 1893, Mrs. Martha E. Dunlop, wife of Jos. I. Dunlop, aged 62 years.

Mrs. Dunlop was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1830, moved to Livingston county in 1856 and resided in Dwight 26 years. She removed to Chattanooga in September last to be with her only surviving daughter during her last illness. She was the mother of six children, two of whom survive here—Clara D., wife of W. F. Palmer, Chattanooga, and John A. Dunlop, now of Chicago. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Mann, of M. E. church north and interment in Forest Hills Cemetery, Chattanooga.

For Adjutant General.

We see among our exchanges the name of Col. Wm. Wildt, of Rockford, Ill., mentioned for adjutant general of the state of Illinois. Gov. Altgeld might look the state over from end to end and not find a better man for that position than Col. Wildt. He is a man of fine executive ability, an excellent, we might say born—military man, and an accomplished gentleman at all times and places. There is no democrat in the state that would do more honor to the position of adjutant general than Col. Wildt. We know whereof we speak, as he is an old friend of the editor of this paper, and we have served the state in the militia several years together.

Firemen's Ball.

The Dwight Fire Department will give a grand ball in Lyceum hall Thursday evening, Feb. 2. The committee in charge will use every effort to make this one of the finest parties of the season. The object, besides providing amusement for its patrons, is to raise money for the better equipment of the department. The members of the department appreciate the fact that the city finances are low and they are using every effort to equip themselves. Everyone interested in a competent and well equipped fire department, should purchase a ticket whether they go or not. It is a worthy and commendable cause.

A Fine Map.

Our genial Kansas real estate friend, Mr. C. Y. Trice, has just had finished a very fine and elaborate sectional map of Butler county, Kansas, the mechanical execution of which is the work of Mr. A. T. Doherty, and reflects great credit upon that gentleman's ability and skill as a draughtsman.

Mr. Trice proposes delineating upon this map the acreage of farm lands in Butler county sold by him to residents of this vicinity during the year 1892. This showing of sales made will certainly prove a revelation to many whose knowledge of Mr. Trice's extensive clientele and business is but superficial, and will conclusively demonstrate that in the highest degree Mr. Trice "is strictly in it."

Possibly the reader may form some idea of Mr. Trice's extensive dealings in the past year, when we state that in this period one hundred a twelve quarter sections of Butler county farming land have been sold through the instrumentality of this gentleman; while the increase in population and taxable wealth which that county will receive through Mr. Trice's efforts, would in the aggregate form a colony which would compare favorably in point of numbers and wealth with many counties situated in older sections of the union.

This highly creditable showing demonstrates more forcibly than words that honesty and firmness which has so characteristically marked Mr. Trice's methods of doing business with those with whom he has been brought in contact. Mr. Trice's success speaks more effectively than volumes of testimonials, for in the language of the world "nothing succeeds like success."

Death of Mrs. Wm. Rhodes.

Mrs. William Rhodes, of Eldorado Springs, Mo., died on the 8th inst. after several months of illness. The family was formerly residents of Dwight. Mr. Rhodes improved and occupied the house now owned by George L. Taylor, one mile south of town, and moved from here to Missouri in the spring of 1883. Mrs. Rhodes was well and favorably known here during her twenty years residence.

The National Sentinel.

The National Sentinel is a weekly newspaper devoted to the interests of old soldiers, young soldiers, G. A. R., S. of V., W. R. C., and all organizations of a patriotic nature. It is thoroughly independent in everything. We will send it with our paper for \$2 per year.

SCHOOL REPORT AND NOTES.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE MONTH ENDING JAN. 1893.

DEPARTMENTS.	SCHOOL REPORT AND NOTES.			
	Boys	Girls	Total	Daily average attendance
EAST SIDE.				
Miss Emma Baker	27	25	52	48
Miss Adelle Barr	18	20	38	35
Miss Lillie Conrad	17	27	44	40
Miss Agnes McElhoff	27	16	43	35
Mr. C. E. Swanson	22	30	52	51
WEST SIDE.				
Mrs. Estella Fisk	23	19	42	38
Miss Nellie Hade	22	29	51	45
Miss Nellie Hade	21	31	52	48
Mrs. Mary Gould	28	38	66	61
Miss Mary Palmittier	28	38	66	61
Totals	205	219	424	383

TARDINESS.

DEPARTMENTS.	TARDINESS.		
	No. of Cases	No. of Pupils	Minutes lost.
EAST SIDE.			
Miss Emma Baker	9	51	51
Miss Adelle Barr	5	31	14
Miss Lillie Conrad	3	21	8
Miss Agnes McElhoff	15	71	7
Mr. C. E. Swanson	12	71	44
WEST SIDE.			
Mrs. Estella Fisk	3	2	13
Miss Nellie Hade	25	123	23
Mrs. Mary Gould	12	71	7
Miss Mary Palmittier	12	58	268
Totals	78	501	88

The low average and per cent. of attendance was caused by the fright concerning diphtheria.

The following are the names of pupils neither absent nor tardy during the term beginning Sept. 5, and ending Dec. 24, 1892:

High School—James Broughton, Edward Flagler, Frank Kneeland, Edith Palmantier, Flora Smith, Carrie Knudsen, Willie Mills, Frank Donigan, Frank Ford, Dora Kern, Mable Parker.

Grammar School—Dwight Collins, James Donigan, Cullom Parker, Dora Hanlon, Eva Lesser, Lou Pearre, Willie Stewart, Maud Shearer, Christine Weicker.

Sixth Grade—Hattie Coole, Sigurd Bekker, Agnes Knudsen, Clara Baker, Henry Kern, Agnes Jensen, Charley Good, Anton Smith.

Fifth Grade—Earl Losee, Willie Lister, Josie Gies, Eddie Gies, Lewis Weicker, Aksel Bekker, Katie Weicker, Dena Hatting, Eliza Colling.

Fourth Grade—Lura Wheatly, Ernest Donigan, Della Lightholder, George Kern.

First Intermediate, east side—Grace O'Malley, Artie Johnson, Tommie Parthy, Henry Kern.

Primary, east side—Mary Smith, Mattie Hoop, Nellie McLane, Willie Waters, George Peterson, Ira Spencer, Jessie Lane.

There is not a school day passes but that some very important topic is discussed in all the departments, and which will not be repeated, only as a review. Should a pupil happen to be absent from that discussion he will of necessity fall behind his class, thus not only discouraging himself, but causing delay in the progress of the class. The attendance so far has been good, and it is hoped that the patrons will continue their support in the future and to a better advantage if possible.

W. T. WILSON, Supt.

Pontiac.

Circuit court is in session this week. Ed. Schroyer was in Chenoa on business Tuesday.

The contested election case is set for next Monday.

B. R. Griffith, of Dwight, is serving his country as juror this week.

The grand jury is doing a large malt business this week, but with what success is not yet apparent.

Hon. Bailey Gower was home from Springfield Saturday, Sunday and Monday, quite sick, but returned to his duties Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlett returned from their eastern trip last week, and were given a hearty welcome by their many friends.

Captain Oscar Avery spent Monday and Tuesday in Peoria in attendance at the state meeting of M. W. A. The balance of the week he spent in Washington in the interests of the Mutual Aid.

The Pontiac saloonists are "in it" when it comes to schemes. Most every proprietor of the joints were brought before the grand jury, and quite a number of outsiders, and if the grand jury happens to get a man that will swear that malt is not what its name implies, but is plain lager beer, we understand the proprietors will immediately get a dozen witnesses to swear they would not believe the man under oath. Verily, the county seat is getting tough.

At the Opera House.

We are pleased to announce the engagement of a strong theatrical company in "Driftwood" and "Joshua Whitcomb" at the opera house Jan. 19 and 20 respectively. The troupe is under the management of Howard & Doyle, and the celebrated actor, Frank K. Wallace, will play the title roles. The managers guarantee a first-class attraction and A-1 people. Remember the dates—next Thursday and Friday. Tickets on sale Monday at Dr. Baker's drug store. Popular prices, 50, 35 and 25 cents.