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#### A Nice Entertainment.

The Chicago Amateur Dramatic Stock Company, that held forth in the opera house Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Dwight Keeley League Auxiliary, was a grand success in every way. The attendance was not as large as it should have been on account of the Hayes reception in the country. The play "Young Mrs. Winthrop," is one of Bronson Howard's finest, and the company was handled well by Kendall Weston, and the troupe is good. The play is very effecting and sad at times, and at others would cause roars of laughter. The part of Constance (Young Mrs. Winthrop) was well taken by Margaret Hayman, and that of Mrs. Dick (Betwyn, etc. (her friend) by Mrs. Lownsbey; Edith, Constance's blind sister, by Mrs. Stanley C. Craft; Mrs. Ruth, Douglas' mother, by Clara L. Gibson, and Jeannette, a maid, by Miss Arnsen. The gentleman parts were taken as follows: Douglas Winthrop, by Kendall Weston, Mr. Scott, the lawyer, C. Edgar Wescott, Herbert Winthrop, by Lawrence Spencer, and Dr. Mellbanks, by Ashley Miller. The play presents some of the trials and tribulations of rich married life in which both sides of the house are at fault, and brings in as characters the family connections and other branches of society that are not as serious as they might be about the "ties that bind," etc. The scenes are laid in the drawing room at the Winthrop mansion, where all its peace and harmony, the first scene they are drifting, the second estranged, the third parted and the fourth, reunited. There was something serious and something funny happened in each scene, and tears would flow from the eyes of the soft hearted at one time and laughter would prevail at another. Mrs. Lownsbey, an accomplished lady quite well known in Dwight, took one of the prominent parts, that of the much married and divorced society lady, and she took it well, and her appearance was always applauded. C. Edgar Wescott, the lawyer, caused much laughter on each appearance. The whole troupe was good, and the Dwight Auxiliary may well feel proud of their first attempt to amuse the Dwight people. We understand, however, as is the experience of most all home organizations that have depended on raising money by engaging outside talent, they made no money. But they probably believe in having a good time if they don't lay up a cent.

#### Death of Peter Gutel.

Dwight was thrown into considerable excitement last Saturday morning by the announcement that a man had been killed on the Alton road about a mile and a half south. A party went out there with the switch engine and brought the remains to the town house. The unfortunate proved to be Peter Gutel, one of the brothers living near the railroad some miles southwest of Dwight. Coroner Zimmerman, of Fairbury, was telegraphed, but did not come and Squire Thompson acted as coroner at this inquest. The following were the jurors: D. B. Stevens, James Austin, Jas. Kelagher, Martin Seabert, W. T. Prime and Geo. L. Kern. After hearing what little testimony there was to be given the jury rendered a verdict to the effect that Gutel came to his death by being struck by the north bound early morning train on the C. & A., one and one-half miles south of Dwight, on Jan. 21, 1893.

From what we can glean from the sad death, is that Mr. Gutel was in Gardner with a brother Friday, and there traded for a mule. The boys then drove home through Dwight, and were seen here late in the afternoon. They went home all right and afterwards the brother that was killed left home about 7:30 and stayed at M. Diffenbaugh's all night, and left there about 3 o'clock Saturday morning for Dwight, on foot. He said he was coming up the track to Dwight and take the Alton train for Gardner at 7 a. m. the same morning. The body was found on a pile of ties with his head hanging off the pile, and his hat several feet away. The only thing that could be seen as he lay that would indicate he had been struck by the train, was that his clothes were badly torn, but further investigation proved that he was badly bruised. How the death really occurred no one will ever know. That he was dead is well known, and from all the circumstances no one is to blame but himself. The funeral was held Monday at the M. E. church at Odell, and was largely attended by relatives and friends. There were sixty six sleigh loads of people followed the remains to the cemetery.

Peter Gutel would have been twenty-four years old in March. He was born and raised on the old homestead, and was well known for miles around. He

had many friends and they all have a good word to say for him, and mourn his loss by the sad accident.

#### Obituary.

From Eldorado Springs Tribune, Jan. 12, 1893.  
Sarah Maria Purdy was born Aug. 10, 1826, in the city of Leeds, England. She came with her family to Illinois in 1842. She was married to William Rhodes, who survives her, March, 25, 1848, by the Rev. William Rutledge. She died Jan. 8, 1893, aged 66 years, 4 months, and 28 days. She professed religion in 1847, and united with the Methodist Episcopal church, under the ministry of the Rev. Rutledge, and has lived a consistent christian life. For five years she has been afflicted with a form of paralysis. This disease steadily gained on her from the beginning. During the past six months its course was more rapid, and during the past two months the pain she suffered was protracted, and at times severe, but no murmur escaped her lips. Her affliction was borne with christian fortitude.

To her were born three daughters and six sons. The daughters all died in childhood. Her sons rise up to call her blessed. A faithful wife and mother, she was helpful and true in all the relations of life.

From Eldorado Springs Tribune, Jan. 19, 1893.

The funeral services of Mrs. S. M. Rhodes which were held in the M. E. church, and conducted by Rev. Galbarith last Thursday, were somewhat out of the usual order, in the fact that the six sons acted as pall bearers by the request of the deceased. While there was something sad in the spectacle of these men carrying the remains of their mother to their last resting place, there was still a seeming fitness in it. Who but the near and dear should perform the last sad rights to those who have loved and cared for us? These loyal sons came, one from the Pacific, one from the Atlantic, one from Western Kansas, and the others residing here, to attend the death bed, and then with loving hands consign to its last rest, the earthly remains of the mother who bore them—six sons of whom any mother might well be proud: it was a spectacle of filial love seldom witnessed. The sermon was very appropriate, and came direct from the heart of a true christian, who felt that he was speaking of the character and life of a good woman. His words brought tears to the eyes of his congregation, and perhaps, (who knows?) a resolve in the hearts of some there, to try and emulate the example of the Christian life just gone out, that the glorious life on the other side might begin.

#### A Brilliant Reception.

Such was that given to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Liggitt, by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hayes and over a hundred friends at the handsome Hayes' residence north of Dwight. We understand that about 150 invitations were sent out, and they were responded to by sixty or seventy couples and many more would have attended had they not had tickets to the opera house. Many went with cutters and others went in the old style in loads, and they all received the same warm reception that the Hayes family is wont to give to all. Of course the center of attraction was the newly wedded and happy couple, Mr. and Mrs. Liggitt. Fred looked two years younger and an inch or two taller and finer looking than ever, and the handsome bride's face beamed with smiles as they received the congratulations of their many friends. The evening was spent in social converse, and an oyster supper was served with everything imaginable that goes with it. It was one of the most pleasant receptions ever given in these parts. Everyone we have seen cannot say too much for the pleasant and agreeable host and hostess and the happy bride and groom.

The only thing we are sorry for is that we were unable to be present.

#### A Pleasant Party.

The young people of Gardner are way up in G, when it comes to getting up nice dancing parties. The fun loving young men have formed the Lotus Club and already have gained an enviable reputation as entertainers. The party given last Friday evening was largely attended by young people from Dwight, Braidwood, Braceville, Morris and other places. The Dwight young people who attended are as follows:

Misses Myrtle Branson, Florence Trunnell, Alice Perry, Mildred Gould, Stella Flagler, Gene Cantner; Messrs. James Gregory, Chas. Wheeler, Bert Wheeler, Everett Lewis, Johnnie Doherty, Clarence Yabe, John Hurley, Bert Wilson.

They cannot speak too highly of the royal manner in which they were entertained.

#### Now a Division Point.

A move of decided importance has been made by the Postal Cable company which raises Kansas City to a division point, one of three covering an immense territory. Until this year Chicago was the only division point in the west, and was under the general superintendent. Now Indianapolis and Kansas City are division points. The superintendent here is Mr. C. M. Baker, recently from Chicago, who has opened an office at room 611, American Bank building, with a staff of four assistants.

Mr. Baker's division extends from St. Louis on the east to Denver and Leadville on the west and north to Sioux City and Omaha—in all about 2,500 miles of wire. Mr. Baker says that his company is steadily extending its lines. This move in making Kansas City a division point is one of the first importance for the company and Mr. Baker will be given a hearty welcome.—Kansas City Times.

#### Aggie Doherty.

Much to the surprise of Agnes and her friends her portrait appeared in the Chicago Sunday Post, of January 15th, and also a pretty little sketch of this popular little Miss. The correspondent says among other things: "This is a picture of little Miss Agnes Doherty, the pet and beauty of Dwight, where Dr. Keeley performs his miracles. 'Aggie,' as she is familiarly called, is a hoiden of the most attractive type \* \* \* Her beautiful chestnut hair, liquid form eyes, patrician features and lithe, graceful figure denote her lineage, which dates back to the times of the Irish kings. 'Aggie' has a dog which she calls Snyder, after Joe Jefferson's canine myth in 'Tip Van Winkle'."

The portrait is quite good and represents her as she appeared with her hair long any wavy.

#### Died.

We clip the following from the Eureka, Kansas, Herald, regarding the death of Erastus L. Gould, of whom we spoke last week:

GOULD.—At his home in this city Tuesday, January 10, 1893, at 8:20 o'clock p. m., of an affection of the spine and bowels, Erastus L. Gould, aged 46 years, 10 months and 26 days.

The deceased was born in Kendall county, Illinois, February 14, 1846, where his boyhood days were passed, and where, at the age of less than 17 years, he became a member of Co. F 13th Illinois Infantry, and in which company and regiment he served his country faithfully and well. In the fall of 1870, accompanied by his brother, Frank, he came to this county and located on a farm in Otter Creek township where he resided continuously until last Fall when he removed to the city to assume the duties of county treasurer, to which office he was elected in November 1891, on the Republican ticket.

November 21, 1876, he was married to Miss Hattie Hodgson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Hodgson, and their union has been blessed with six children five of whom survive him—four daughters and one son.

The deceased was an excellent man, true and faithful to his duty in every relation in life, and all knew him but to admire and respect him. His death, though not unexpected, has caused a feeling of profound sorrow in the hearts of all who knew him.

Beside his widow, he leaves two surviving brothers—A. P. Gould, of Illinois, and O. F. Gould, of Otter Creek, and a sister, Mrs. H. T. Newell, of Los Angeles California.

The funeral services, conducted by Doctor Wright, were held Thursday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock at the M. E. church and were largely attended by sorrowing relatives and sympathizing friends.

#### A Pleasant Surprise.

Wm. Broughton invited a few of his many intimate friends to his home Monday evening, it being his 19th birthday. The ladies and gentlemen appeared in full evening dress and played quite a surprise on William. Many games were indulged in and a general good time had by all who were lucky enough to get invitations. After a supper that would do justice to Queen Victoria, they left for their homes at a late hour, wishing William many happy returns of the day.

#### Remember This.

Every subscriber to this paper whose subscription has expired Jan. 1, '93, or prior to that time, and who has not paid in advance, must pay before next Wednesday or the price will be \$1.50 per year. The thirty days given to pay in advance and thereby take advantage of the \$1.25 rate expires next Tuesday night.

#### EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

Having been a sufferer from neuralgia for the past month, all but the most necessary and pressing work has been put aside temporarily. Being unable to obtain a temperature in our offices, greater than 58 degrees as a rule, we have been compelled to remove to the office of the states attorney (the former superintendent's office on the first floor) where we may be found until the weather moderates enough for the sick steam plant to mend in health again.

The local institute for February has been abandoned partly because we could not get speakers we needed and partly because I did not have time to arrange for it. The annual institute in April will be pleasant and profitable to all, and we fully expect each teacher to be present. It will be necessary to close such schools as are in session that week. This will be particularly true of the district schools. All teachers can attend three days and (if their schools are in session) receive pay for the time. Please consider these facts well.

The fact that a school is in session will be no excuse for non-attendance. Make your arrangements to be here the second week in April.

An examination will be held on the Monday and Tuesday following the institute for first and second grade certificates. No examination will be held outside of Pontiac this year, unless a class of fifteen make application previous to fixing the date. The legal examination fee must accompany the application.

It will be well to notice that hereafter candidates will be required to make a record of 80 points on mental arithmetic in order to pass. Failure to do this simply shows unfitness to teach, as it indicates inability to reason.

There is a great deal of opposition in some quarters to mental arithmetic in the schools: In almost every case the teacher is directly or indirectly responsible, many opposing it because unable to handle it. A word to the wise will suffice.

Inquiries concerning the reports are daily received at this office. Note the following points: Consult your manual for the date of each examination. Make your own questions to cover the work of that following month. Record it in your register. Make out the large report at the end of your term, copy it and forward it to us.

Remember that the reading circle work will be included in teachers' examinations in this county. One of the recent questions was, "give an account of the life and work of David Page." Two-thirds failed to give the required information.

Report at this office at once the names of all pupils who are doing the reading circle work. If you have not organized a circle report the reason.

Owing to irregularity of attendance at our examinations, making trouble for all concerned, the following program of examination has been adopted. No branch will be given out of its time, nor will the time be extended for any reason.

Friday—8:30 to 10:00, written arithmetic; 10 to 10:30, mental arithmetic; 10:30 to 12:00, geography; 1 to 2:30, grammar; 2:30 to 4:00, history; 4 to 5:00, Orthography.

Saturday—8:30 to 10:00, physiology; 10 to 11:00, pedagogy; 11 to 11:30, reading; 11:30 to 12:00, penmanship.

HENRY A. FOSTER,  
County Supt.

#### Professor Brod, Optician.



Graduate of the Chicago college of Ophthalmology, will be at the Pennsylvania House, Dwight, Ill., from Tuesday next, Jan. 30, and will remain all the week, with a large stock of spectacles and eye glasses of all kinds, and will fit all errors of refraction on the latest scientific principles. All eyes examined free of charge.

#### Congregational Church.

Under the management of the new superintendent of the Sabbath school, Dr. J. Van Eman, new life and spirit are manifest among teachers and scholars. A weekly class for bible study will be held Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Everybody invited.

Four members were received January 1st, three January 15th and two are to join the church January 19th.

Next Sunday will be red letter day for Christian Endeavor throughout the country. A special service will be held Sunday night at 7:30.