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FARMING IMPLEMENTS.

Tiger Disc, Union, Farmers Friend and Streater Steel Corn Planters; Tait Check-rows; Avery Cultivators; Hoosier Seeders; John Deere Plows, Riding and Walking; Hay Loaders; Hand-Made Harness, Extra Straps or parts of Harness to Suit.

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I have the best SAMPLES OF
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For Suits. First-class workmanship.
Suits from \$23 up. Pants from \$6 up.

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I have taken the old established Millinery Store of MISS LIZZIE BURGER, and cordially invite all to call and examine my complete stock of Millinery Goods.

MRS. W. E. FENN.

DIAMOND CROWN FLOUR.

EVERY SACK WARRANTED GOOD OR MONEY REFUNDED.

We do all kinds of Custom Grinding. Hay, Straw, Ground Feed, Bran and Shorts constantly on hand. Come and see us.

84 East Mazon Ave. GREGG & STERRETT.
Dwight, Ill., March 10, 1893.

Vote "Anti-License."

AND MARK YOUR TICKET AS THIS IS MARKED.

ANTI-LICENSE.

For President,
 CHAS. L. ROMBERGER.

For Trustees,
 D. B. STEVENS.

R. H. MILLS.

GEO. S. BAKER.

For Clerk,
 F. A. HAISE.

The ticket like the above will be the first on the official ballot. Just put a cross in the ring at the left of "Anti-License," and let her go. It's the very best thing you can do under the circumstances.

For President--A Comparison.

Chas. L. Romberger for the past year as president of the village board, has stood by the people every time; has worked day and night and often spent his own money for the village's interest; he has been instrumental in bringing about clear sailing from chaos; as ex-officio chairman of the finance committee he has lent his valuable assistance in placing the indebtedness in such a condition that it can be easily paid; and he is the most public-spirited president Dwight ever had.

Henry Fox for the past year has never missed an opportunity to oppose every advancement the village has made; he has fought the sewer from start to finish, and made it cost the tax payers a great deal more than it would if he had let it alone; he has emphasized the fact that it is his belief that nothing is right unless done his way; and to top off all, he lent Mr. Hayes all the assistance in his power in the injunction proceedings against the village. When this last act was done the sewer was two-thirds finished and accepted, and if Mr. Fox's efforts to assist Mr. Hayes had succeeded the citizens would have had to pay for the sewer, and never could have used it. We have not one word to say against Mr. Fox personally. He's all right, but he is not the man for president of the board by a long way, and every reader of this paper knows it.

Death of Major Cairns.

Major Cairns, of Pontiac, dropped dead Wednesday at his home in that place. He will be remembered by many here as the largest man in these parts, weighing about 350 pounds. He was very wealthy. He had been quite ill for a number of days but not confined to his bed. Just before his death he was sitting in his yard watching some carpenters at work. He got up and went to the house. Just as he reached the doorway he fell forward, dead. He had been troubled with dropsy for a number of years, but the immediate cause of his death was heart disease.

Funeral of Rev. Father Halpin.

From the Odell Gazette and Reporter.
The death of Rev. Father James Halpin last week brought sorrow to the hearts of many. He was a faithful priest and a kind friend and had endeared himself to the hearts of all who knew him. The attendance at his funeral was the largest ever seen in Odell. Though he had reached the advanced age of seventy-three his death was a great shock to his parishioners. The high esteem he was held in was testified by the presence of the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the diocese and the many priests who at a sacrifice left their missions in Holy week to attend the obsequies of their deceased brother. The following priests were present at the funeral: V. Rev. M. Weldon, Bloomington, Ill., Rev. M. J. McLaughlin, Hannibal, Mo., T. F. O'Gara, Wilmington, Ill., Rev. James Tuohy, Lincoln, Ill., Rev. J. P. Lyons, Pontiac, Ill., Rev. J. J. Crogan, Ransom, Ill., Rev. F. B. Moore, Dwight, Ill., Rev. P. McGair, Cullom, Ill., Rev. M. J. O'Callahan, Chenoa, Ill., Rev. J. J. Burke, Bloomington, Ill., Rev. M. Humphreys, Pontiac, Ill., Rev. M. Foley, Champaign, Ill.

Bishop Spaulding in a few touching words, eulogized the character of the deceased priest, and said that in the death of venerable Father Halpin the

diocese of Peoria had lost a good and faithful priest.

The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Father McLaughlin, of Hannibal, Mo., an old friend of the deceased.

A beautiful hymn "The Religious at Death," was sung by Miss O'Gara, of Wilmington.

The bishop and priests joined in singing "Magnificat" and "Miserere."

Being Holy week solemn mass could not be held. The services were simple but impressive.

The body was laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery but the memory of Father Halpin will ever dwell in the hearts of his flock.

That Town Plat.

There has been a great deal of talk recently, mostly on the so-called citizens ticket side, about a certain town plat sent out by Chas. L. Romberger, Geo. Flagler, B. A. Buck and John Geis, containing their ideas of sewer extension. The diagram on the plat sent out did not take in as much scope as the present sewer does. Just so far and no farther the argument stands good, but let us look into this matter and be fair.

The next week after the above gentlemen sent out the plats, the old board met and passed the present ordinance. This was done after they were sent out and prior to election. The first thing the new board did was to look into the sewer matter, and they found the ordinance duly passed, signed and published. The only thing the new board could do was to repeal the ordinance passed and draw up a new one and pass it, which would cause a large expense, probably not less than \$500. They came to the conclusion they would go ahead with the one passed, and on the direct line of that part that was not on the plat sent out, there was only one man that made a kick, and he was induced to by others.

So much for a campaign argument that is expected to catch votes by misrepresentation.

Death of Mr. J. E. Schobey.

The many friends of the above gentlemen in this community will be pained to hear of his death which occurred at his home in Union Hill last Monday between four and five o'clock. Although Mr. Schobey had never been a resident of Dwight, he has in former days done a great deal of trading here in the dairy line, and he and his family made many warm friends who frequently visited back and forth.

Mr. Schobey was about seventy-five years of age, and had been a resident of Union Hill some thirty five years. He was a man of excellent character and was possessed of a sunny nature that always made friends. All his old friends in Dwight have a kind word to say for him, and extend their sympathy to the surviving members of the family.

The funeral was held at the residence at Union Hill and the remains were interred in the Kankakee cemetery. There was a large number of sympathizers present and about two carload of friends followed the remains to the final resting place.

Mr. W. H. Taylor, of Dwight, attended the funeral, and others would have gone if they had known it in time.

Employs Nearly Fifty.

The Leslie E. Keeley Co. gives continual employment to about fifty people, from the chief of staff down to the janitors, and they are all well paid, and live in Dwight and clover. The company has been the means of bringing to our midst some of the most scientific, well posted, successful and gentlemanly medical men in the country, who with their excellent families are making their homes in Dwight. These men all have large salaries and are justly liberal with their expenditures in our midst. Such is also the case with the fine business talent employed in transacting their immense business in their offices. Every department is equipped with the best talent that can be found to do the work, regardless of cost. When positions could be given to young ladies and young men at home it has always been done. Their employes are paid better in all branches than any like business institution in the United States.

The Livingston hotel is the property of The Leslie E. Keeley Co. That is leased to Mr. Stanton, who gives employment to from 35 to 40 people in the different departments, and the Mazon to from 15 to 20.

It can be truly said that through The Leslie E. Keeley Co. over one hundred people are being given steady and lucrative employment; the company has fully a quarter of a million dollars invested here; and there are people in Dwight who have the unmitigated gall to say they are doing nothing for the town. We are glad to state, however, that such remarks are almost wholly

confined to those that would like to open saloons in Dwight.

Take The Leslie E. Keeley Co. out of Dwight to-day and to-morrow it be like a graveyard in the middle of Sahara desert.

The Teachers' Institute.

Three hundred and twenty-five school teachers, male and female, but chiefly the latter, were in Pontiac this week attending the Livingston County Teachers' Institute. The came from all parts of the county, and some from neighboring counties.

The institute is, of course, under the direction of County Superintendent Foster. The various departments were presided over by an efficient corps of instructors, comprising the following: J. E. Bangs, Fairbury; C. E. DeBotts, Odell; J. N. Patrick, St. Louis; T. E. Cleland, Miss Cora Hamilton, Mrs. H. A. Foster, Pontiac; Prof. Wilson, Dwight.

The sessions were held in the central school building.

On Monday evening State Superintendent Henry Raab, delivered a lecture in the Presbyterian church, and on Tuesday evening Prof. McCormick, of Normal, lectured in the same place for the benefit of the teachers.

Dwight was represented by Prof. Wilson and all the teachers in our public schools, and all report having a valuable session. Some of them have returned home and others will arrive to-day.

Dr. Keeley in Canada.

Dr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Keeley left Dwight Tuesday for a two or three weeks' trip north and east. The Doctor lectured in Rockford Wednesday evening before an immense audience, and met with a grand reception. There is a branch institute in Rockford, under the charge of Dr. Mayhew, which is doing a good business, and also a flourishing Keeley League, under whose auspices the lecture was given. Col. Nate A. Reed, of the Banner of Gold, also delivered an address which was well received. To-night the Doctor lectures in Toronto, Can., and will visit some of the many eastern institutes before he returns.

The Rockford Daily Star publishes a two-column article and a portrait of Dr. Keeley. Following is the introduction to the article:

Rockford has never been visited by a man to whom the people, collectively and individually, were prouder to do signal honor than Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, who lectured at the opera house last evening under the auspices of the Rockford Keeley league. It was to be expected that such a distinguished visitor should be accorded a hearty reception. No where are the results of his work for mankind more apparent than in this fair Forest City. In no other place is the Keeley nation oftener to be seen, or in no other hamlet, village or city is testimony for the power of the Keeley cure more freely given.

Pontiac Pick-ups.

Preparations are being made to commence work on the street railway. The company propose to run two lines—one from the Alton depot to the Wabash depot, and the other from the Illinois Central depot to the reformatory. Those lines should pay without any doubt.

About \$7,000 has now been raised toward the public library, and work will commence on that soon.

The election next Tuesday is very liable to be very lively. The license side is divided badly but at the same time have only one general ticket in the field. But the candidates for alderman represent \$500, \$750 and \$1,000 license. If the license ticket wins there will be a monkey and parrot time in the council anyway.

Jerry Thornton, who has been at home a couple of weeks, went to Dwight Thursday, and we understand, will go into business there with Elmer Fenn. They will run an elegant soda fountain and deal in fruits, cigars, etc., and ice cream. Good luck, "Jerry" old boy.

Chas. L. Romberger, of Dwight, was here on legal business Wednesday.

Mr. Gray, the no-license candidate for mayor, labors under the disadvantage of not having been a resident of Pontiac only a short time. He came here from Graymont and purchased the Payson home, and is a very fine man and would make a splendid mayor.

Change of Time.

The accommodation now runs to Bloomington every Saturday night and starts from there Sunday morning instead of Dwight. No change of time at the latter point.

The branch train now arrives in Dwight at 7:25 a. m. instead of 10:30, and the accommodation leaves Dwight at 7:30 so as to connect with the Branch. The Branch leaves Dwight at 8.15 connecting with both the accommodation and hummer.

It Depends.

There is no doubt in the world but that the future operations of the Leslie E. Keeley Co. in Dwight as regards building, making improvements and having more patients here, depends greatly on whether the people elect a progressive board of trustees or not. If they should be so foolish as to elect a "pull back board" and improvements were stopped and those in course of construction delayed, there certainly would be no chance to improve the sanitary condition of the village. Unless this is done there is no use talking of further improvements or an increase in the number of patients.

On the other hand, if the improvements are made, the prospects are bright for the future, and the only way to have them made is to elect progressive men to conduct the business of the village. Such a ticket is the one headed by Chas. L. Romberger for president and D. B. Stevens, R. H. Mills and Geo. S. Baker, for trustees, and F. A. Haise, for clerk.

Vote for progression.

Clean up.

We notice that many of our people are cleaning up their yards nicely, and having all the filth hauled away. Every resident should have pride enough in his home to do the same, and thus remove the cause of disease, and the cleaning should not be confined simply to the yards but to the street in front. Even if you don't have to, it is for your interest and will improve the sanitary condition of the town. It is less than a month to the opening of the great world's fair and there is no doubt but there will be many prominent visitors in Dwight. The village board should see that the main streets are placed in as good condition as possible and the railroad company should do their share toward cleaning up.

Employed by the Keeley Co.

One argument used against Chas. L. Romberger by the license element, or whatever the party is, that he is in the employ of the Keeley Co.

The Keeley Co. do not employ incompetent men, and any man to whom they intrust their legal business would make a good president of the town board.

Another man says: "The Keeley Co. run things." There has never been a case where any member of the company has ever offered even a word of advice, unless it was asked for.

The only interference we have heard of from the Keeley Co., is lending the village about \$4,000 during the year and charging no interest thereon. Such argument is nonsense.

Buy of Home Merchants.

Every person that is interested in the prosperity of his home should stand by home people every time. Every hotel, every boarding house, and everybody else in Dwight, should patronize home merchants. There is no reason why everything handled in Dwight cannot be bought just as cheap as in Joliet or Chicago, less the freight, and that has to be paid anyway. At least give our merchants a chance. Don't buy until you give them an opportunity to meet prices. Commence now.

Union.

The farmers are all done sowing oats and many are busy plowing for corn.

Your correspondent promised to say who would be in the soup after election, and would say that the republicans are in it. The entire democratic ticket was elected.

J. W. Grimes, guard at Pontiac state reformatory, visited friends here two or three days the first of the week.

Mr. T. J. Kennon again visited his cousin, Mrs. W. E. Thompson, it being convenient for him to spend Sunday there.

Mr. Jacob Smith has taken an appeal from Mr. C. W. Sheldon's court to the circuit court at Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Thomas are rejoicing over the arrival of a young son—a democrat.

Mr. Miller and son-in-law are hauling tile to tile out the north quarter of the Reed's farm which they have recently bought.

Miss Mable Thompson has been sick with an attack of measles. This is her second attack.

School election will be held Saturday April 15. People should make a specialty of this.

The Streets.

Mr. Romberger informs us that the sewer contractors will have to place the streets and alleys in as good condition as they were before work was commenced, if he is president of the board. If they do not their bills will not be audited. That's business.