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COUNCIL CHANGES.

President Romberger and Trustees Leach and Taylor Step Down and Out, and President Fox and Trustees Mills and Baker, Steps Up and In.

The yearly change is once more made in the Village Board of Trustees of Dwight, and the country is safe, and the World's Fair will open next Monday just as if nothing happened.

About 8 o'clock Tuesday evening after all bills had been approved by the different committees, etc., President Chas. L. Romberger called the board to order for the last time this year, the roll was called and all the members answered "here." The minutes were read and approved. Proper action was taken on the bills. The committee on water works reported that the expense in that department had been cut down considerably, but still the expenditures were a little larger than the receipts. The committee reported that the reservoir was in bad shape and recommended the erection of a standpipe as soon as practicable.

Trustees Stevens moved that a vote of thanks be extended to President Romberger for the faithful and conscientious discharge of his duties as presiding officer for the past year.

This was carried unanimously, and the old members know the work that Mr. Romberger has done, and know that no president ever done so much in one year for the village as he has, and the vote was given with a hearty good will.

Mr. Romberger said that his connection with the board personally had been very pleasant, and he wished to return his sincere thanks to Messrs. Leach and Taylor, the retiring members and also to those who would remain, for the help they had given him, and the manner in which they had stood by him during the trying ordeals of the past year. He hoped that the new board would work as hard and conscientiously for the interests of the people as the old one had, and extended his congratulations to President Fox and Trustees Mills and Baker, and wished them success, and that should they need his advice or information about previous action taken, he would be glad to give it to them at any time.

Mr. Romberger is like most people in this world, he has no particular desire to get beaten for an office, but personally he feels very thankful to be relieved from the office, as it has been a constant menace to his business. He shook hands with the old and new members and retired with the best of feeling all around.

The minutes were written up and approved and on motion the old board adjourned sine die.

THE NEW BOARD.

As soon as the official oaths were prepared by Clerk Haise, Judge John Thompson, came to the front and swore in President Fox, Clerk Haise, and Trustees Stevens, Mills and Baker, and those with Flagler, Buck and Geis constitute the board for another year.

President Fox called the new board to order and said it was generally customary for the new president to say a few words defining his position. He then read the following, which certainly has the right ring to it, and if the course is followed as laid out all will be well:

GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DWIGHT: I have the honor of being elected as president of this honorable board, and you as members of said board.

To you is given the authority and power of making the laws, rules and regulations of this corporation; to me, to see that these laws, rules and regulations are observed and enforced.

I hope, that in the position we hold as members of said board, we will always strive to pass such laws as shall be for the benefit of the majority of the tax payers and citizens of this corporation. Let us always remember to respect the rights and privileges of our fellow citizens with impartiality; and that every member of this board of trustees has a perfect right to his own honest convictions, and to use all honorable means to succeed with them, and to express them in an open and gentlemanly manner.

We are not expected to come here, and because the majority of the board does not think the same way as the minority, to use spite or personality, but at all times, as honest men and public servants, to look to the interest of the people of this village. In the pursuance of our duties as committee-men, do not expect that your chairman should do all the work; assist him and divide the duties appertaining to the respective committees you belong to.

The street and alley committee in particular, at this season of the year, should make it their special duty to see to the cleanliness of the village, both in streets and alleys. Vigilance in this, is one of the first steps necessary to health. Do not allow anyone to make cesspools of the ditch or alley, either in front or rear of their prop-

erty. As to the other committees, I expect that all will do their duty. Hoping that we may work together harmoniously and to the satisfaction of the majority of the people.

I am Yours,
HENRY FOX, President.

After reading the above, the clerk read several communications and the committees as follows:

Judiciary—B. A. Buck, G. N. Flagler, R. H. Mills, H. Fox, ex-officio member.

Finance—Henry Fox, B. A. Buck, John Geis.

Street and Alley—D. B. Stevens, John Geis, Geo. Baker.

Waterworks—John Geis, G. N. Flagler, D. B. Stevens.

Sewer—G. N. Flagler, B. A. Buck, R. H. Mills.

Ordinance—Geo. Baker, Henry Fox, John Geis.

Fire—R. H. Mills, D. B. Stevens, Geo. Baker.

Each member is chairman of some committee. Robert Orr made application for street commissioner and police. He has made the best one the town ever had and has saved lots of money for the village. The resignation of Dr. Milton R. Keeley, as chief of the fire department was read. The change in the administration had nothing to do with this, it being impossible for the Doctor to give the office the necessary time. He made up his mind to resign several months ago as soon as the fiscal year was up.

President Fox requested the hook and ladder and hose companies to meet and recommend two or more candidates for the office of chief. He wishes to appoint some one that will be satisfactory to the boys in the company.

Dr. Keeley leaves the fire companies in excellent condition and well equipped, and he deserves great credit for the valuable work accomplished under his administration.

The most important recommendation made by the new president, was that the judiciary committee have full power to act and hire an attorney, and prosecute violations of the law. On motion the committee was given that power.

Mr. Fox took occasion to remark that this applied to gambling houses and malt and cider joints, etc. He said he was satisfied that a large majority of the people of Dwight were against granting saloon license, and none would be granted, and that no one should sell intoxicating liquors, no matter what they were, or run disorderly houses behind curtains, if he could prevent it. This will be a great disappointment to quite a number that thought they could run cider joints wide open if they got Mr. Fox in. This stand taken by the new president is very creditable and he should receive the support of every law abiding citizen.

Thus endeth the first lesson.

The board adjourned to meet next Tuesday night at 7:30 sharp.

The Times Article.

If there is a paper on earth that is irresponsible and employs irresponsible correspondents and reporters, it is the Chicago Times. It stoops to practices in the newspaper business that are a disgrace to the fraternity. Anything for a sensation. The Times managers have no respect for the feelings of a community or a person, if it is possible for them to secure something sensational. Their desires in that line are lewd and vicious, and no matter what wrong they have done they fail to right it under any circumstance unless forced to. It seems that under the management of Carter Harrison the Times has lost what little respectability it ever had, and has gone back to the disreputable way of attracting attention which the paper had during the regime of Story.

Last week a special correspondent was sent to Dwight election day. He was a fair representative of the Times. He never asked one word of anyone regarding the condition of Dwight as regards license or no-license, but some of the few who would like to start saloons got hold of him and filled him up with a lot of the most ridiculous lies they could manufacture. For those who did not read the article we will repeat some of it as it appeared in the Times. It said in substance that the fight election day was license or no-license. That was a lie. It said that George Flagler and John Geis were license men and that Col. Henry Fox was a license man, and that when the right time came the license element would get one more of the board and license would be granted, inferring that they could buy the fourth man.

Could a meaner contemptible lie be manufactured? Everyone that knows

Flagler and Geis, knows that neither of them will ever vote for licensing saloons. Mr. Fox has publicly declared that he is not in favor of licensing saloons, and the idea of any man on the board being bought is preposterous and a libel on the face of it. Still the Chicago Times says all this, and already the report has gone fourth that Dwight is to have saloons.

After retailing falsehoods from one end of the article to the other, the Times says that The Leslie E. Keeley Co. is responsible for the condition of affairs, when everyone knows that knows anything, that the company has done more to make Dwight famous and popular than anything on earth.

In one short three years there has been a transformation scene in Dwight. Look back and see what West street and Mazon avenue were and what they are to-day. The business portion of these thoroughfares covered with handsome brick structures (instead of tumble down buildings) that would do credit to any city. The old ramshackle depot replaced by the finest passenger station in Illinois outside of Chicago. Renfrew addition with its handsome and substantial residences where three years ago was a bleak prairie. Handsome residences in all parts of Dwight. The population increased from 1,400 to over 2,000. Would these things have happened if it has not been for The Leslie E. Keeley Co. Every reader of this paper knows they never would have happened in a hundred years.

The Times article in regard to The Leslie E. Keeley Co. selling out had no foundation at all, and was the produce of the sensational brain of one of its prevaricating staff.

These articles are taken up by papers all over the country, the managers of which do not seem to know that the vapors of the Times are not to be relied upon, and thus the reports are spread. We are glad to state that the Ottawa Free Trader, which gave currency to some of these reports, cheerfully acknowledges its mistake, and gave space to the following from Dr. Keeley:

"Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, the famous Double Chloride of Gold wizard, most emphatically denies the rumor that he has left, or is about to leave Dwight to its fate. He says:

"My business here has never been so prosperous as it is now and has been this winter. I have never announced that I was going to leave here or would cease to receive new patients, or that this place would be used as a home for incurables, or that new applicants would be distributed to other institutes at various points—that Dwight would cease to be the Mecca for people with uncontrollable appetites for drink. The Dwight sewerage system is nearly all paid for. The town was never more prosperous than now."

Dwight has had no saloons or license granted for twelve years, and the question of license has not been at issue for the past three municipal elections. Alleged newspapers right in this county that know the circumstances, have copied some of the Times article and thus gave currency to the lying reports. In the spirit of fairness, they should retract.

Keeley League Club House Burned.

About eleven o'clock last Saturday the water works whistle sounded an alarm of fire, and very quickly the fire company responded and found that the Keeley League club house was on fire. The fire company under the direction of Dr. Milton Keeley, fire marshal, brought the hose cart to the corner of West and Chippewa street and attached the hose to the hydrant, and the hose was then run out near the club house. It was discovered then that they were short of hose and the firemen dragged the hose to the hydrant opposite the STAR AND HERALD building and turned on the water. The fire by that time had got under good headway, but the fire ladders soon had it under control and although a strong wind was blowing from the west, they saved the office, reading room, etc., building and the front end of the club house.

The fire seems to have started on the roof from a defective flue. As soon as it was discovered the club members present and others who came quickly removed the piano and most everything in the building to places of safety. The club clock and about fifty hymn books and a few chairs were lost.

As is generally the case at fires there were too many bosses. Everyone seemed to have ideas of their own, and wanted to carry them out, and the noise made prevented the commands of the chief and company officers from being heard, and created confusion.

There were five lengths of the hose being used to flush sewers without the officers' knowledge. Nothing should be taken from the fire house without permission under any circumstances, and in case of fire alarms those that had

them should have brought them back immediately.

NOTES.

It is evident that we have plenty of water and plenty of pressure to put out any fire.

The whole town turned out. The club house has been the scene of many a good time, and has had many sad experiences. The old club members will be sorry to learn that the scene of their discontent and latterly pleasure and happiness is destroyed.

Everybody wanted to boss. The fire ladders fought like good fellows, and deserve great credit.

There was lots of laughable incidents as there always is at fires.

The boys were all covered with mud from head to foot, but they paid no attention to that.

The city should be proud of the fire company.

We understand the building was insured for \$1,000, so that the loss will not amount to much.

The Keeley Co. came to the rescue of the League and gave them the use of the treatment hall for meetings for the present.

The Y's Score a Success.

Notwithstanding the usual bad weather with which the Y. W. C. T. U. of Dwight always have to contend with, they scored another brilliant success last Friday night. The little notices of "a wedding to be" published in the STAR AND HERALD recently, and the handsome invitations sent out by the Y society attracted the attention and curiosity of the public, and in spite of the elements a large number of people assembled at Keppinger hall to witness the marriage ceremony, and partake of ice cream and cake and coffee and sandwiches.

It was not a "truly" marriage, but it was a very nice ceremony. The invitation sent out purported to be from Lord and Lady Blessington and the contracting parties were their daughter, The Honorable Eleanore, and Sir Donald Mc Alpine. The groom was represented by Miss Minnie Lover, who was dressed in handsome attire as a Scotch nobleman, and the bride, Miss Gussie Blaine, was dressed in white satin, lace and white roses. The gallant groom and the bonnie English bride looked very pretty, and were greatly admired. The father and mother of the groom were represented by Mr. L. A. Naffziger and Miss Cantner. The latter was dressed in black with an old ladies' cap on her head and spectacles. Mr. Naffziger wore the conventional black and had his hair powdered. They made a good looking old couple. Lord and Lady Blessington were represented by Mr. Ely and Miss Addie Barr, and their costumes were similar to those of the groom's father and mother, and made real nice old folks. The groom and bride should feel proud of their fathers and mothers.

The Episcopal clergyman was represented by Miss Cora Adams, clothed in a long white robe and a reverential countenance that would do credit to any dominion. The four bridesmaids, Misses Millie Gould, Myrtle Wheatley, Addie Fenn and Minnie Barr, looked very pretty dressed in white, with pink tea roses. Little Mable Koehler carried the ring and the flower girls were Little Litta Haise and Clara Naffziger. They looked cute and pretty.

About 8:30 Miss Stella Flagler played Mendellshon wedding march and the wedding party marched into the hall and up the aisle, on each side of which was white ribbon, to the altar. The groom and bride were in the center under a large bell and the bridesmaids and the old folks and little folks on either side. The beautiful Episcopal wedding ceremony was gone through with in silence and then everybody smiled, and congratulations were in order. Everything connected with the wedding was nicely conceived and prettily carried out, and the experience gained will undoubtedly come in good play some day.

After the ceremony two very nicely rendered solos by Misses Cora Adams and Minnie Lover were listened to and highly appreciated. Then came the ice cream and cake and coffee and sandwiches, which were very nice. The tables looked very inviting and were well patronized. The young ladies in \$20 at the door at ten cents each, and with what was derived from the lunch, will clear about \$35. The whole entertainment was a great success, and the young ladies deserve great praise. They feel very thankful to all who assisted them and to their patrons. Success to the Y's.

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