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FARMING IMPLEMENTS.

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

Coal, or no Coal.

The question of "Coal, or no coal," has been the principal topic of discussion in Dwight this week. A meeting of the subscribers to the fund to assist Mr. Hayes in sinking a prospecting well was held in Ketcham & Smith's office Monday night. There were about twenty present and the object of the meeting stated by Mr. Ketcham, chairman, was to take some action regarding the payment of an installment on the subscription. As no one seemed to know what had been done, it was finally concluded to refer the matter to a committee and instruct them not to pay more than one-third of the subscription, and not to pay anything until a guarantee was given that a shaft would be sunk, provided coal was found in paying quantities.

Tuesday Mr. Hayes announced that he had been to see Mr. Cumming, of Gardner, an old experienced man in prospecting for coal, and that he would speak regarding the same in the town house at 1:30 p. m. The town house was full of interested parties, and the "world's fair mayor" was elected chairman. Mr. Hayes explained his position in the matter and gave the depth of the present well, and then called on Mr. Cumming.

Mr. Cumming evidently knows just what he is talking about. He dwelt at considerable length on the geology of the state as regards the lay of the coal, and said that No. 3 vein, which most people would call No. 1, because it comes first, was not reliable, although it was a fact that good coal was sometimes struck, but it was mostly mixed with slate and not good. The second vein was the one that was furnishing the coal and being mined at Braceville, Braidwood, Gardner, Pontiac, Chenoa, Bloomington, etc. He said that this vein ran southwest, and grew deeper and deeper the further south it went. He said it was about 114 feet at Braceville, 180 at Gardner, 370 at Pontiac, and over 500 at Bloomington, and judging from those figures, it would be struck at about 270 or 280 feet at Dwight, if it was here, of course, and he thought it was, and gave as a reason that it was all around us. He inferred that all prospectors and drillers were like Geo. Washington, not in saving the country, but in being truthful.

Dr. Payne said that reports had been circulated that Mr. Hayes was more interested in an artesian well and a fish pond, than he was in coal, and also that it was represented to him when he put his name down for \$10, that at least three holes would be sunk, also that the driller told some of the subscribers that it was none of their business how far the well was down, etc.

Mr. Hayes arose with blood in his optics and remarked in substance that it was hard for him to believe, that after twenty years residence here, anyone could accuse him of trying to make anyone pay for an artesian well or fish pond, and he defied anyone to question his honesty in this or any other matter.

Dr. Payne attempted to speak further but the "world's fair mayor," called him down in the most approved fashion, a la Carter Harrison.

After Chairman Fox adjourned the meeting, a meeting of the subscribers was held, at which Roger Mills presided. The question of guaranteeing the shaft to be sunk was raised again, and Mr. Hayes said he didn't have the gall to ask the Star Coal Company to guarantee anything after having given him their word that they would do so. Mr. Prime remarked that no one's word should be taken; it should be in black and white.

It was finally decided to adjourn to Ketcham & Smith's office at 7:30 p. m. sharp.

It was decided at that meeting that one-half the subscription should be paid now, and the remainder when the well was finished.

Everyone seemed to have their own version of this matter, and there is a great deal of dissatisfaction all around. Eyer Bros. have had a great deal of experience in boring, and they say that the cost of the Hayes' well is nearly double what it should be, and they would have gladly bored three holes for what this one is liable to cost. If that is so the payments should only be made in that proportion. They also say that the time has been extended on account of the driller being so careful not to disturb the flow of water in the well.

We were informed also Tuesday night by a man that claimed that Mr. Hayes told him that if coal was struck in paying quantity and quality, that the Star company would pay for the whole thing. If that is so some provision should be made for the return of the money.

One thing is sure, the whole matter has not been conducted in a business-

like manner, and most every one is at sea regarding the matter. There were no figures presented as to what had been paid out only in a general way; there is no written guarantee of a shaft being sunk if coal is found; the hearing on the subscription paper provides for the thickness of the vein and quality of the coal being tested before the payments are due. The latter was probably a mistake in drawing up the paper.

We don't believe there is a man's name on the subscription paper but who is willing to pay, but they all want things conducted in a business like manner, so they will know what they are paying for. If the subscribers are "partners" in the business they should know all about it, or are they only "silent partners."

Mr. Hayes discharged the men sinking the well for coal Wednesday noon, and this probably settles the coal business, anyway until the subscribers come down with the stuff.

The Log

Mr. J. W. Mohler, of Normal, called at this office Monday, and kindly furnished us with the official log of the C. & A. well being sunk in Dwight. The drilling was stopped Monday at the depth of 227 feet.

Mr. Mohler informs us that coal was struck at 214 feet, and that the drill passed through 3 feet 9 inches of bituminous coal of what he considers good quality. The distances as furnished are as follows:

	ft and inches	total ft and in.
Surface Soil	7	7
Yellow Clay	12	19
Sand and Gravel	13	32
Blue Clay	19	51
Joint Clay	41	92
Joint Pan	7	99
Fine Dry Sand	13	112
Quick Sand	2	114
Sand Shale	6	120
Sand Gravel and Water	18	138
Sand Shale	3	141
Sand and Boulders	2	143
Sand Gravel and Water	12	155
Sand, Shale with Clay Bands	30	185
Gray Shale, gritty	17	202
Dark Shale	4	206
Coal (bituminous)	3.9	210
Fire Clay	4.3	214.3
Soap Stone	5	219.3

Mr. Mohler says the dark shale over the coal seems to be quite soft, but that it might have been caused principally by so much water being in the well.

This is what is called the third vein of coal. Expert miners say it is not reliable for coal.

Death of Patrick Conerfy.

We announced in a short notice last week the death of Patrick Conerfy, an old resident of Dwight.

Mr. Conerfy breathed his last Friday morning. He had been in bad health for several months from a complication of diseases, and has suffered greatly. His wife came here from Leroy, Ill., several weeks ago, and watched faithfully by his bedside until the last. All was done for him that kindness and medical treatment could accomplish, but to no avail. Mr. Conerfy was a good-hearted man and had many friends, and his family has their sympathy. He was about 55 years of age, and had resided in Dwight ever since he came from Ireland in 1863. He leaves a wife and John, Jennie and Etta, the children, to mourn his loss.

The funeral was held Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the Catholic church, Rev. Father Moore celebrating high mass. The funeral was very largely attended by relatives and friends and the remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery.

Among those attending the funeral from away were Mrs. Naughton, Lafayette, Ind., Mrs. Cahill and Mrs. Culbertson, nieces from Chicago, Wm. West, nephew, and Mrs. McGreevy and daughter, sister of Mrs. Conerfy, Thos. Golden, son-in-law, and others whose names we did not learn.

Campus Booming.

Reports from our little neighbor about nine miles east, say the little village is enjoying something like a boom. We are informed that it is nearly impossible to get a night's lodging there, every house (and some of the occupants) being full, and that it has been found necessary to go out to the neighboring farmers to get a night's rest. The cause of this, it is said, is partly through the prospect of having a coal mine, and partly because there are a large number of workmen employed there in different vocations. The recent municipal election resulted in about an average majority of twenty-four for license and there are two saloons in full blast and a prospect for another. However, this is not the cause of the boom.

The Star coal company, it is said, has bonded fifteen hundred acres of land near Campus, and will prospect for coal in several places without cost to the people. The company is now boring on the Gregg farm, now the Ahern farm. This is situated about

two miles north of Campus and about three miles south of Wilson. If coal is found in paying quantities, Campus will probably annex the out-lying country for two miles north at least, and then look out for a genuine Oklahoma blizzard in the way of booms.

Teachers' Association.

The Grundy County Teachers' Association will hold a meeting at Verona Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, 1893, to which all educators are invited. The program has been prepared with a great deal of care, and is as follows:

FRIDAY.

Exercises open at 1:30 o'clock, in the following order:

Opening exercises.
Conducting Recitations—J. Vollie Strong and Perry Steffler.

Examination and Discussion of "Page's Theory and Practice of Teaching."—C. G. Hanawalt.

Incentives.—C. H. Van Densen.
The Health of the Pupil.—G. M. Peeters, M. D., of Morris.

SATURDAY.

Business.

Means of securing good order.—Daisy Lees, Lela Underwood.

Examination and Discussion of "Page's Theory and Practice of Teaching," Chapter 10 to 17.—F. M. Crosby.

Institute—Cornelius McGreevy.
Teachers upon arriving at Verona, will proceed to the M. E. church, where they will be assigned for entertainment.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Measles are intruding somewhat.

Chas. Koehnlein was the representative of the H. S. at the opening of the world's fair.

The shorthand class which meets after school every evening, numbers about fifteen members.

Examinations in the grammar and high school rooms will occur on next Thursday and Friday, May 11 and 12. In all the other departments it will be on Thursday and Friday the following week, May 19 and 20. All pupils wishing to be promoted will be expected to be present at these examinations.

The entire high school as well as the community of young people, regret that Benj. and Addie Elfrink were moved to another location. No one has anything but pleasant words for them and it is the sincere wish of all that their future location be a pleasant and profitable one to them and the young people about them.

Corn Planting.

As a rule, the average farmer has always tried to get an average of only three kernels of corn in the hill. The experiments made at the University of Illinois shows that four kernels to the hill gives an average of four and four-tenths bushels to the acre more than with only three kernels to the hill. The experiments were made with twenty-four different kinds of corn and in twenty-four different fields in sufficient size to make the experiment practical. It proves that a big crop of corn cannot be raised unless there is a sufficient quantity of seed planted. The corn which yielded the largest crop was the Leaming, making 78.8 bushels to the acre with four kernels to the hill and 74.6 bushels to the acre with three kernels to the hill. The experiments for the past five years show that the largest yield of corn comes from planting May 11th to 16th. The latest bulletin on field experiments with corn ought to be in the hands of every farmer, and if they will send their names to the agricultural experiment station, Champaign, Illinois, it will be sent free of charge. Drop a line, farmers, and get this practical experimental knowledge.

Chief M. R. Keeley.

At the meeting of the Dwight Fire Department Monday night, the resignation of Chief M. R. Keeley was not accepted, and he was prevailed upon not to insist upon it at present. It was ordered that the secretary address a letter to President Fox, recommending the Doctor for reappointment. A vote of thanks was tendered the Leslie E. Keeley Co., for their handsome present of \$50 given them last week.

The German Churches.

We published what we considered at the time a church notice last week from Rev. Wagner, and this week have received a communication from Rev. Geo. Schwartz, the new German minister. Probably we did wrong last week in allowing Mr. Wagner space for anything except the church notice proper, but we don't see how it can be bettered now by allowing any further discussion, and therefore shall publish no communication from anyone regarding differences of opinions in

church matters, but will cheerfully give space to church notices, entertainments, or anything for the advancement of religion in any community. The STAR and HERALD is of the opinion that good, consistent Christian members of all denominations have the one great object in view, that of eternal salvation, and they ought to have it.

Dwight Driving Park Association.

The Dwight Driving Park Association is to be incorporated under the above name. This was decided at upon at a recent meeting of the association held in John Thompson's office. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Jud Williams; vice-president, G. L. Hahn; secretary and treasurer, Geo. L. Kern; trustees, G. L. Taylor, E. P. Hahn and John Thompson.

It is proposed to have a spring meeting as soon as the weather permits, and efforts will be made by offering good purses, and other inducements, to get the best horses here, and have a good time. The association has the rent of the ground paid for this season and the financial condition is good. Proper notice will be given of all meetings.

Institute News.

The Leslie E. Keeley Co. received a cable from Moscow, Russia, Thursday, containing 240 words.

A very fine steel plate engraving of Dr. Leslie E. Keeley has been received from the American Biographical Publishing Company of New York. It is probably the best portrait ever made of the Doctor, and will be on exhibition at the World's Fair.

Among the many shipments of the remedy made by the Leslie E. Keeley Co., our attention was called this week to twelve large boxes, each weighing 388 pounds. They were directed as follows: The Keeley Institute, care of Falke Apothek, Sagvein 28, Christiania, Norway; The Keeley Institute, care Sert Hest Apotek, Copenhagen, Denmark; The Keeley Institute, No. 5 Portland Place, London. The above was included in one day's orders.

Entertainment Tuesday Evening.

An entertainment will be given in the treatment hall next Tuesday evening for the benefit of a needy family in Dwight. The member of League No. 1, and home talent will join together and give a splendid entertainment. Every one is invited. No admission will be charged, but a collection will be taken up at the close. This is a worthy object and there should be a large attendance.

Board Meeting.

The village board met Tuesday night at the town house, principally to take action on an ordinance relative to tapping the sewer. The town house was turned into a repair shop, and the ordinance was twisted, torn, and the stuff knocked clear out of it. Part of the stuffing will be put in again and probably be passed at the next meeting.

Epworth League Entertainment.

The entertainment given by the Epworth League Tuesday evening, was a very nice affair, and the program as published last week, was carried out. The following parties took part: Misses Stella Flagler, Addie Fenn, Jean Cantner, Cora Baker, Mrs. Conard, Mrs. Fred Liggitt, and the members of the choir, and all did nicely.

Keeping His Kiss.

One of the prettiest girls in this place bet a kiss against a dollar with a young man on the age of one of the ministers, and the young man put his dollar into the hand of some homely old maid to hold until the bet was decided. The young man won the bet, but when he went around to collect the pretty girl told him she had delivered the kiss to the stakeholder, who would cheerfully deliver it upon demand.—Unit.

Men Who Hurt Our Town.

An exchange classifies the men who hurt the town as follows:
All who oppose improvements.
Who never push their business.
All who distrust public spirited men.
Men who envy their neighbors prosperity.
Those who show no hospitality to its visitors.
Those who run down the town to strangers.
Men who oppose everything that does not originate with them.
Who think all systems of theology except their own erroneous.
Who find fault with all enterprises with which they are not connected.
Who oppose every public enterprise that is not likely to be of any particular benefit to themselves.