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FARMING IMPLEMENTS.

Tiger Disc, Union, Farmers Friend and Streater Steel Corn Planters; Tait Check rowers; 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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and anything in the PAINT LINE at Lower Prices than you can purchase elsewhere. You are invited to call and see.

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A. RHODE,
MERCHANT TAILOR,
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I have the best SAMPLES OF
SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,
For Suits. First-class workmanship.
Suits from \$23 up. Pants from \$6 up.

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Oct 11

MILLINERY.

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

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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, 1892.

Spencer-McKay.

It has been very visible to the naked eye that our prominent townsman, J. A. Spencer, of hay press fame, has for some time been smitten by the charms of one of the lady typewriters at the Keeley Co. offices, Miss Lavinia W. McKay. No matter how long men hold off, and declare that single blessedness is what they want, the darts of cupid will hit the mark in time in most cases. The marriage of Miss McKay and Mr. Spencer took place at the residence of Geo. Baker, Wednesday morning of this week at promptly nine o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jas. W. Haney, of Normal, brother to Mrs. Baker. There were present Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Baker, Geo. Baker's family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, and V. S. Wright and family and other relatives of the groom in Dwight. Just after the ceremony congratulations were extended and the bridal party sat down to an elegant breakfast, which all enjoyed. After the breakfast the couple proceeded to the Alton depot in a carriage and took the Denver north. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer will visit the world's fair a few days and return to Dwight. They will room at I. H. Baker's and take their meals at Geo. Baker's for the present. The presents were useful and ornamental.

The wedding party at the house filled Mr. Spencer's hat band, his pockets and umbrellas full of rice, and as the couple went from the house to the carriage they were showered with rice. Quite a number of friends of the happy pair met them at the depot and showered congratulations, etc. on them.

The bride has resided in Dwight for over two years and has been in the employ of The Leslie E. Keeley Co. She is a consistent member of the Congregational church, and has made many friends here who wish her a happy and prosperous future.

Mr. Spencer has been a resident of Dwight for over thirty years, and has built up a prosperous and remunerative business in hay presses, etc. He is a man of excellent reputation, and his many friends extend congratulations and believe his happiness is now secured beyond a doubt.

Program for Decoration Day.

May 30th, 1893, is Decoration Day and will be properly honored in Dwight. The following is about the program, any changes from which will be announced next week.

Assembly of Dwight Post, No. 626, G. A. R.; W. R. Corps, No. 144, and Henry Fox Camp, S. of V., No. 270, Department of Illinois, at their respective halls, at 1 o'clock, p. m. The three organizations to meet with the public at the East Park, at 1:15 p. m., and start in procession at 1:30 p. m. from southwest corner of East and Franklin streets, cross railroad to Mazon avenue west, thence southwest on West street, thence north on Prairie avenue to M. E. church to listen to an oration by Rev. Fisher, if the weather is unfavorable, if the weather is fine the oration will be given in the West Park.

After the oration, always provided the weather is fine and roads good, the procession will start for the cemetery to decorate soldiers' graves. First, Catholic cemetery, thence to the McDowell cemetery, thence to Oak Lawn, where some remarks will be made appropriate to the occasion, thence disbanding.

The members of Henry Fox Camp, S. of V., No. 270, to decorate the graves. The W. R. Corps, No. 144, will gladly receive donations of flowers and evergreens at their hall in Kepplinger's block, Tuesday morning, May 30, from 8 to 10 a. m.

Should the weather be bad, committees will be appointed to decorate the graves.

Memorial services will be held at the M. E. church, May 28th, next, at the time of the usual morning services. The whole public is not only invited to be present on Decoration Day, but are requested to come and bring rigs so as to accommodate those that will go to the cemeteries if the weather is favorable.

Incorporated.

At a meeting of the Dwight Driving Park association held Monday evening, the articles of incorporation were duly signed and were forwarded to Springfield this week. It is proposed, if the weather permits, to hold a one day meeting about the middle of June, and a big meeting July 4, and maybe the 5th and 6th. The association intend to improve the grounds in different ways, and to offer big money for good races this season. The exact time of the first meeting will soon be announced.

Laid to Rest.

JOHN D. KETCHAM.

The funeral of Mr. John D. Ketcham, whose death we announced last week, took place at his late residence on Seminoe street Sunday, May 7, at 2 o'clock. The large residence was completely filled with sympathizing relatives and friends, and hundreds more in the yard without, assembled to do honor to a man who was held in high esteem by the whole community. The M. E. choir rendered several selections well adapted to the sad occasion, and Rev. A. M. Conard spoke a few words of condolence to the widow and children and just praise of the deceased. The remains were laid to rest in Oak Lawn.

The following was kindly furnished us by Rev. Conard:
After a long and lingering illness, John D. Ketcham passed from among us Friday morning May 12. He was born in the state of New York, Sept. 20, 1848. At the age of 2 years death deprived him of both parents. His grandmother assumed the parent's responsibilities, and reared him. When 8 years old he came to Dwight, which has since been his home. To the citizens of Dwight he is well and favorably known. His has been an unassuming, industrious, honest and honorable life. A good citizen, a true friend, a kind and loving husband and father goes out from among us to return no more forever. A wife, son and two daughters, mourn the husband and father's departure. At a time when we think man should be in his prime, with many years of usefulness before him, we are called upon to say the long farewell that hath ending in eternity.

MRS. O. A. STALEY.

Early in the morning of May 11, Mrs. Orpha Anna Staley passed quietly away. Her maiden name was Orpha Anna Stevens. She was born in Irasburg, Vermont, May 11, 1830. In early childhood she removed with her parents to Western New York, and resided for a short time in the vicinity of Buffalo. They then removed to western Pennsylvania, and a few years later to Kalamazoo, Michigan. While living in Michigan the deceased formed the acquaintance of Abel P. Conant to whom she was married May 11th, 1854. They resided a short time in Michigan then sought a home in Joliet, Ill. Here their only son Alvin B. was born to them. Eight months after the husband and father passed away from earthly scenes. For about seven years the widowed mother and her son lived with her brother, E. B. Stevens, near Dwight. She then married John N. Staley, a man of excellent Christian character, and with her son went to his home near Aurora, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Staley one daughter was born. After cheering them with her baby presence 3 1/2 years the little one passed to the spirit world. In May 1882, Mr. Staley departed this life. About a year after Mrs. Staley came with her son into the vicinity of Dwight, first locating north and east of Dwight. Here they lived six years, the son marrying Miss Hattie Morgan, Oct. 31, 1889. The following spring they moved to their present home. Mrs. Staley lived to cheer and bless all whom she met, to be a benediction rare in her home.

Her's was a true, earnest, loving, Christian life. Converted at the age of 13 she ever honored her christian profession with a well ordered walk and conversation. Two brothers preceeded her. One brother and a sister remain, who with those more distantly related, join the son and his wife in calling her blessed.

Her last illness was of about two months' duration. Her sixty-third birthday on earth was her first birthday in the glory of the spirit world. She passed away in the triumphs of the Christian faith. As she passed into the valley and the shadow of death, she could speak from the knowledge of experience, and her words were "Oh death, where is thy sting, oh grave, where is thy victory. The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." From out the waning shadows and growing light, the broken accents of her holy triumph came back to the watching loved ones in expressions like these: "All is well," "Praise His name," "To see His face forever more."

MRS. BURGER.

Only a short time since it was our sad duty to record the death of Mr. Jacob Burger at an advanced age, and now the partner of his joys and sorrows so many years has gone to join him in the life beyond. Mrs. Burger died Wednesday and the funeral took place at the M. E. Church Thursday. The

remains were laid to rest beside those of her husband. This is another of those cases, so many of which happen, of one of a couple who has lived together from their happy marriage in younger days to old age, and then being taken away, leaving the mate to mourn the loss. When this happens in advanced age the mate is almost sure to follow soon, and one would almost think it was a desire on their part. Their grief and loneliness is great and two hearts that have been bound together as one so long will again be united. Mrs. Burger leaves three daughters, and many relatives and friends to mourn her loss. She was a good conscientious christian and beloved by all.

MRS. METSKE.

Mrs. Metske, who has been living in the west part of town, had her sufferings relieved by death, Wednesday. The immediate cause of her death was childbirth, but she had been an invalid for over two years. She was the mother of twelve children, ten of which are living, their ages being from two years up. Her husband, Mr. Metske, has been employed on the sewer, but has been unable to work a great deal of the time. It is a particularly sad case, and the surviving relatives have the sympathy of all. The funeral was held Thursday at the house at 1:30. The child that was born was a boy and weighed fifteen pounds, and died during the operation.

Resolution of Condolence.

The W. A. K. L., No. 1, of Dwight, Ill., in meeting assembled, passed the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, While we bow in solemn recognition of an all-wise dispensation, it becomes our painful duty to record the death of Mr. J. D. Ketcham, who departed this life on Friday, May 12, and to extend to a faithful wife and our co-worker in toil, the fullest words of condolence. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Auxiliary, individually and collectively, express hereby their deepest sympathy with Mrs. J. D. Ketcham and family in their present bereavement.

MRS. JULIA A. BROUGHTON, Pres.
MRS. J. E. BLAINE, Secretary.

A Card of Thanks.

Appreciating fully the many kindnesses and heartfelt sympathy shown and expressed throughout Mr. Ketcham's long and trying illness and in our recent bereavement, we offer our sincerest thanks therefor.

MRS. J. D. KETCHAM.
JAMES B. KETCHAM.
GERTRUDE M. KETCHAM.
GRACE E. KETCHAM.

New Congregational Pastor.

At a meeting of the members and supporters of the Congregational church held Monday evening at the church, it was unanimously decided to call Rev. J. A. Fisher to the pulpit. At the request of both Mr. Fisher and the congregation, no specified time was agreed upon, but it was resolved that both the pastor and people were to give three months notice if any change was desired by either.

Rev. J. A. Fisher has occupied the pulpit here for two Sundays, and created a very favorable impression with all who heard him. He seems to be a sincere christian gentleman of advanced thought, and preaches practical Christianity right from the shoulder, as it were. He has the courage of his convictions and don't care who knows it. He is surely a fine orator and his every appearance denotes sincerity.

Mr. Fisher, we should judge, is a man between thirty-five and forty years of age. His family consists of a wife and one child. He comes here highly recommended by such eminent divines as Rev. Thos. Dixon, Jr., of New York City, Rev. L. Morgan Wood, Detroit, Mich., Dr. Bradley, Grand Rapids, Mich., and others.

Mr. Fisher's last charge was at Ypsilanti, Mich., but he is an eastern man. His health has been poor for the past year, and he was unable to stand the hard work and has been living quietly at Benton Harbor, Mich., with no regular charge. He is very much pleased with the congregation and people of Dwight as far as he has seen, and will commence his duties here next Sunday.

She Was Forgiveness.

A Rockford lady tells the following story of her little niece:

The child had been told to say her prayers after doing something naughty and to stay on her knees until she felt that God had forgiven her. As she returned almost immediately her aunt said:

"Why, did God forgive you so soon?"
"Yes," said the little one; "as soon as I asked God to forgive me, he said: 'Dont mention it, Miss Jones.'"

Prosperity of the West.

S. T. K. Prime was in New York City on business last week, and while there was interviewed by a New York Times reporter with the following result:

S. T. K. Prime, of Dwight, Ill., whose weekly reports on the crops and statistics on industrial topics have been published widely, is in this city after a visit of several weeks in California.

He said to a New York Times reporter at the Imperial Hotel that he had gone over the entire length of the Southern Pacific Railroad, making as close observations as the condition of the country as possible, and had traveled about 500 miles by stage.

"As a result I am thoroughly impressed with the future prosperity of California," he said. "There was never a time in the history of the State when there were so many gigantic enterprises in process of development or contemplated."

"The fruit interests are healthy, because the demand is equal to the supply, and the possibilities of supply are great."

"I returned by way of Texas," continued Mr. Prime, "and the crop prospects in the Southwest are fair, but the weather is dry. There is a wide difference in the crop conditions east and west of the Mississippi River. That seems to be the dividing line. West of the river it has been dry, but on this side as far as Albany the change is wonderful, and it is wet."

"Is the West in generally prosperous condition?"

"It was never in better shape financially. The farmers never had so much."

"What about the 'Western farm mortgages'?"

"I have heard of the interview of Edward Atkinson on that subject. Mr. Atkinson knows exactly what he is talking about when he takes a hopeful position on these 'farm mortgages.' I do not look upon them as an evil, and I can't see any reason why the fact that farmers place mortgages on their land should cause any alarm. I do not see any difference between a farmer who raises money by a mortgage and the owner of a factory in a New England town who raises money on what is called 'accommodation paper.'"

"In the last three years more mortgages have been paid off of farms in the West than have been put on. The farmers have become lenders of money instead of borrowers."

"They have been buying live stock, buying more land, and making improvements. They are not running behind."

"Suppose, again, that the farms are plastered all over with mortgages, those mortgages are not dead. The money has been paid to somebody. The farmers' debts are liquidated to that extent and the money is in circulation. The men who have been making the loudest outcry about farm mortgages seem to have overlooked these facts. They talk as if the money which had been secured by the mortgage had been weighted and dropped into the ocean."

"Do you believe the farmers want the free coinage of silver?"

"No, not as a rule throughout the West. Personally, I think the present coinage law is bad. I do not believe this Government has any more right to buy silver as it does now than it would have to buy corn or potatoes and pay in certificates redeemable in gold."

Mr. Prime is the Western Secretary of the National League for Good Roads and as such, he said, he had been interested in the movement for good roads in all parts of the country.

"What progress are you making in the West?" he was asked.

"The farmers are not helping us much," he said, "and I have about given up hope that they will. I saw a good illustration of their position some time ago. We had been having a period of about four weeks of mud, and one day, in town, an old farmer was asked if he had not found the mud a serious drawback to his business."

"No," he said, "I waited for the dry spell."

Phonography.

J. S. White, author of White's Phonography, today completes the work of teaching the high school pupils his system of Shorthand. Mr. White's intention was to leave Dwight on Monday next; but because a number of aspirants for stenographic honors in Dwight, Pontiac and Streator have expressed a wish to learn White's Phonography, classes will be immediately organized in those three towns.

The course will be completed in from three to four weeks, and the tuition fee will be in proportion to the number of pupils in each class; that is to say, if a class contain more than ten pupils the cost of instruction will be fifteen dollars per capita; if less than ten, twenty dollars will be the price charged for the complete course.

Applicants will please address J. S. White, at this office.