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DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILL., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1893.

NO. 28

GRAND MILLINERY OPENING!

—AT—
Mrs. W. E. Fenn's Parlors,
—ON—
Friday & Saturday,
SEPT. 29 and 30.

LATEST STYLES IN MILLINERY
WILL BE DISPLAYED.

The Ladies of Dwight and vicinity
are respectfully invited to attend.

REMEMBER THE DATE.

ROMBERGER'S --- Racket.

Look out for Chas. L. Romberger's Fine List of Real Estate in Dwight and all Parts of the Country next week. Great Bargains will be offered.

Insurance.

Best Companies in the World.

Law and Loans.

Business
IS
Business.

Dwight and Land Loan Co.,
CHAS. L. ROMBERGER, Prop.
JOHN BAKER, Assistant.

SALE OF Standard Bred Horses

AND

TURF GOODS,
DWIGHT, ILL.

Col. H. H. STANTON

will sell at public auction, on **FRIDAY, SEPT. 29th,** at 10 o'clock a. m., at the old Hahn Barn, near the Opera House. This sale will include 12 Horses, Sulky, Harness, Buggies and Carts, Family Carriage, etc.

Terms: All sums of \$10 and under cash. Over that amount a credit of six months will be given on notes approved by the Bank of Dwight, with interest at 7 per cent. from date of sale.

THE APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. C. W. Ayling the New Pastor of the M. E. Church Here.
The sessions of the Central Illinois conference closed Tuesday at Geneseo Bishop Fowler made the following appointments for the ensuing year: Streater District—Presiding Elder, J. W. Haney.

Belle Plaine & LaRose—N. D. Haines, Braidwood & Braceville—J. G. Blair, Bonfield—J. W. Puffer, Coal City—J. H. Ryan, Cornell—D. A. Perrin, Dana—D. F. Wilson, Dwight—C. W. Ayling, Gardner—To be supplied, Grand Ridge—T. S. Moots, Hennepin—F. A. Bouer, Henry—David McLeish, Lacon—C. S. Morse, Magnolia—J. T. Bliss, Mazon—J. W. Deming, Minonk—E. G. Cattermole, Odell—C. C. Knapp, Ransom—F. R. Lord, Rutland—E. E. Meacham, Sparland—D. W. Francis, Streater—F. H. Cummings, Tonica—G. L. Taylor, Verona—H. A. Ewell, Washburn—J. E. Conner, Wenona—J. A. Riason, Wenona Circuit—E. S. Steele.

Thomas Doney is retained as presiding elder of the Normal district, and Joe Bell remains at Pontiac.

Rev. C. W. Ayling, the new pastor of the M. E. church, has been located at Normal for the past two years, and comes here highly recommended as a conscientious christian gentleman of excellent ability in the pulpit. We take pleasure in joining our citizens in welcoming Rev. Ayling and family to our midst, and hope he will find a pleasant field of labor.

Rev. Conard and family will probably remove to Bloomington. Mr. Conard has not yet decided what he will do the coming year, but will probably continue his theological studies. Mr. Conard is a man of ability and strict christian integrity, and we predict for him a bright future. The family has the love and friendship of all of this community who know them, and consequently their best wishes for a happy and prosperous future. We understand his removal from Dwight was very unexpected, and came about very suddenly at the last minute, through some influence outside of Dwight, as the M. E. society here were practically unanimous for his return, and the people here would have been pleased to have had him returned. The reason assigned by the bishop was that Mr. Conard did not pay enough attention to work among the people here to take treatment. While Mr. Conard took no active part in the League meetings, as far as we know he always responded cheerfully to any call at any time in their behalf, and gave a warm welcome to all who attended his church. We are prepared to state that whatever renouncement there might have been did not come from The Leslie E. Keeley Co., and we don't think from anyone in Dwight.

Death of Mrs. Catharine Davitt.

Mrs. Catharine Davitt, mother of Mrs. James Kelagher, of Dwight, died at the residence of the latter on Sunday, Sept. 17th, 1893, of cancer of the liver, at the age of sixty years. The deceased has lived in Braidwood recently, and has been sick for several months, but not seriously so but for only about two months. About six weeks ago Mrs. Mary Kelagher went to Braidwood and brought her mother to her home in Dwight, where she could take care of her and make her last days as happy and pleasant as possible. She failed rapidly until dissolution took place, as above. The funeral services took place in Dwight on Tuesday, mass being celebrated at the Catholic church at 8:30. The remains were taken to Wilmington, Ill., and interred in the Catholic cemetery beside her late husband.

Mrs. Davitt had been married twice, her first husband being Mr. Cassidy, and the only surviving children are Mrs. Thos. Cassidy, of Kensington, and Mrs. Mary Cassidy-Kelagher, of Dwight. She had many relatives in Illinois, residing at Joliet, Wilmington, Coal City, Braidwood, Decatur, Odell and other places, many of whom attended the obsequies, there being a whole car load from Dwight to Wilmington. Mrs. Davitt is spoken of as a kind hearted lady, beloved by all her acquaintances. The surviving relatives have the sympathy of hundreds of friends in their sorrows.

We understand that Thomas, the theatrical dead beat, beat the Mexican orchestra outfit the first show they had. He is undoubtedly an accomplished rascal.

Races--Over \$450 In Purses.

The races next Thursday and Friday, the 28th and 29th, in Dwight, will be the best ever held here, and the purses are the most liberal. Over \$450 are offered, and from the large number of letters received from horse men it is evident that the efforts of the Dwight Association to give good entertainment and do what they agree, is being appreciated. With good management and the best track in this part of the state the races are sure to be successful. Following are the purses:

THURSDAY--2:30 TROT.

Citizens' purse \$100, 3 in 5. 1st, \$50; 2d, \$30; 3d, \$20.

3:20 TROT.

Purses \$50, 2 in 3, 1st, \$25; 2d, \$15; 3d, \$10.

PONY RACE.

Purse \$60, 3 in 5, 14½ hands, 1st, \$30; 2d, \$18; 3d, \$12.

FRIDAY--FREE FOR ALL RUN.

Purse \$100, 3 in 5. 1st, \$50; 2d, \$30; 3d, \$20.

2:50 TROT.

Purse \$75, 3 in 5, 1st, \$37.50; 2d, \$22.50; 3d, \$15.

NOVELTY RUNNING RACE.

Purse, \$32, \$8 each quarter mile.

BICYCLE RACE.

Value of prizes \$40, 1st, \$20; 2d, \$12; 3d, \$8.

Four to enter and three to go in all horse races. Six to enter the bicycle race. The entries will close at 10:30 a. m. Thursday, at James Kelagher's store in Dwight. For privileges apply to John Thompson. The admission is but 25 cents. Seats free to ladies in grand stand. Come Thursday and stay until the last race is run.

Pontiac Pick-ups.

Misses Grace Mellduff and Helen Wallace left for school at Oxford, Ohio, Wednesday.

Burt L. Stinson, formerly of the Leader, has gone into the newspaper business in California. Success Bart.

There will be a bicycle tournament in session here next Friday and Saturday, but a great many will attend the Dwight races Thursday and Friday.

The vote on building a new school house resulted 254 for against 4 for rebuilding the old one, so a handsome modern structure will result.

Two prominent citizens lost their wives within a few hours last Saturday. We write of the deaths of Mrs. E. E. Wallace and Mrs. Dr. J. A. Marshall, two estimable ladies.

The Leader says the Fairbury Blade's article last week in regard to Livingston county being "busted" is all political bosh and that the county treasurer has had to borrow money nearly every year for the last decade.

New Meeting Hall.

The Dwight Sons of Veterans have rented two halls in Mickelson's block, and will move there the first of October. This was done so they could meet the same night the Relief Corps did. Quite a number of the boys have recently got married and now they can attend meetings and bring their wives. The regular meetings will be held the first and third Tuesday evenings each month, and on the last meeting each month it is proposed to have a literary and musical program, and thus awaken more interest. If this is carried out the G. A. R. post, Relief Corps and S. of V. will congregate together after their meetings and have a general good time. Every S. of V. should be present at the next regular meeting, the first Tuesday in October.

Resolutions.

At a regular communication of Livingston Lodge No. 371, A. F. & A. M., held Sept. 18, 1893, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove from our midst our late brother, Henry Eldredge; in testimony of his many virtues should be had; therefore be it

Resolved, By Livingston Lodge No. 371, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, that while we bow with humble submission to the will of the Most High, we do not the less mourn for our brother who has been taken from us.

Resolved, That in the death of Henry Eldredge, this lodge laments the loss of a brother who was ever ready to proffer the hand of aid and the voice of sympathy to the needy and distressed of the fraternity; an active member of the society, whose almost untiring efforts were exerted for its welfare and prosperity; a friend and companion who was dear to us all; a citizen whose upright and noble life was a standard of emulation to his fellows.

Resolved, That the heartfelt sympathy of this Lodge be extended to his family in their affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Lodge and a copy thereof be transmitted to the STAR AND HERALD for publication.

FREEMONT VICKERY,
HENRY FOX, SR.,
A. BOYK.

It is very seldom this community is offered such a chance to purchase standard bred horses and turf goods of all descriptions as at the sale next Friday in Dwight at the old Hahn farm near the opera house. Don't forget this great opportunity. Read the advertisement.

Opening of the Cherokee Strip.

FROM PRIME'S CROP BULLETIN.

The opening of the Cherokee Strip in Indian Territory makes the final distribution of the agricultural domain of the nation. When this outlet shall have been divided into its fifty thousand and possible farms, only two-thirds of which have they fairly distributed during the fall, the territorial extension of American agriculture will come to an end. The Missouri valley states, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota and the Dakotas have been the theatre of the most wonderful development of all time. The increase under staple crops has been unprecedentedly rapid from 1865 to 1889, during which twenty-four years the cultivated area of the group increased from 8,300,000 acres to 67,000,000 acres. An addition of over 61,000,000 acres. It is very questionable if additions to the grain bearing area in that part of the country will hereafter exceed the diversion of grain lands to other products in other portions of the country. The above statement has been made by the New York Sun, and it means a great deal if correct, and there is no reason to doubt the statement by every producer in the country. To be thoroughly impressed with the potency of these facts you must cross the continent and go to the Pacific coast, and then you will realize more fully than you ever have before what a small proportion the good lands of this country bear to those that are poor. The sufferings and the trials of the vast crowds of people who have sought so recently to enter upon these new, undeveloped lands, tells more than anything else the desire and avidity of the people at large to embrace the only opportunity they will ever have to get homes for themselves at nominal prices.

This fact also has another bearing, and that is this: That in the very nature of things the price of our farm lands in the Mississippi and Missouri valleys must steadily increase, and the product from the land will increase with them. No farmer who owns land and is free from debt, will better himself by change, and his policy naturally will be to improve what he has and give us a higher order of agriculture and with a consequent higher rate of production. I do not think that there has anything occurred in the nineteenth century to compare with the opening of the Cherokee Strip as affecting future land values of this country. In other words we have gotten to the end.

Sad Experience of Rev. Con Haney.

Rev. Con Haney, of Hyde Park, narrowly escaped drowning recently at Macatowa Bay, Point Superior, where he was spending the summer with his family. In company with one of his sons, Miss Jennie Anderson, a Chicago lady, and Mr. John Haan, of Muskegon, he was enjoying a sail. The boat capsized and Miss Anderson and Mr. Haan were drowned. Mr. Haney endeavored to save the young lady, but was pulled down by Mr. Haan, and in order to save his own life was compelled to let go of her.—Pontiac Sentinel.

It is quite generally known that Mr. Haney is a brother of Mrs. George Baker and Miss Lizzie Haney, of Dwight.

Will Close Up for the Races.

The following named persons have signed an agreement to close their places of business from 1 to 5 p. m. next Friday on account of the races:

Kelagher, Kerns, Fenn & Co., Levy, Geis, Diefenbach, Kepplinger, Webster, Mosen, Flagler & Potter, Coughlin, Scott, Liggett, E. T. Miller, Miller Bros., D. Miller, Jacobsen, McWilliams & Smith, Austin, Ed Reeb, Leach & Reeb, Diefenbach, Rosendall, Weicker, Nommensen, Rhode, Guardianer, Buck, Lewis and others. Good.

Heenan's Opening.

The grand fall opening of D. Heenan & Co., of Streater, Illinois, will take place next Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29 and 30. Their store is one of the largest in the state outside of Chicago, and their grand opening is an immense affair. Their display includes almost everything, and they extend a cordial invitation and welcome to all.

Church Notice.

Sunday, Sept. 24, it can be expected that Rev. Willman, of Belvidere, Ill., formerly of residing at Dwight, and still has many friends here, will preach, at the German Evangelical church. A hearty welcome is extended to all friends to come and hear a good sermon.—Rev. Geo. Schwatz.

An attempt was made to rob an Illinois Central train near Centralia, Ill., Thursday, but one of the robbers was wounded and captured.

NEWS AND NONSENSE.

A new vein of coal was struck the other day in No. 2 shaft at Braidwood. It promises to be a rich find and will undoubtedly yield large quantities of coal when unearthed. And still the price goes up.

A rattle snake seven feet long and with four active heads, was recently captured and killed near Havana. It will be sent to some museum. The man who "captured" it will be sent to Dwight.—Streater Free Press.

A. P. Blanchard, of Princeton, recently marketed 131 hogs, averaging about 315 pounds each, for which he realized the snug sum of \$2,400. With money like that in raw pork, though corn may be below thirty cents and wheat 50, farmers are not entirely without means still to lay aside enough to pay taxes and grange assessments.—Streater Monitor.

An exchange says a subscriber found a spider in a newspaper. The reader was superstitious, and wrote to find out whether or not it was bad omen. He was informed that the spider was merely looking through the columns of the paper to see what merchants were not advertising so that he would know over what doors to spin his web without fear of disturbance.

The sales of the property of the Middle Division Elevator company have been indefinitely postponed, as it is understood Mr. Best has succeeded in making a satisfactory arrangement with the Union National Bank of Chicago. It is now probable that the affairs of the company will be straightened out and that they will be able to resume business.—Pontiac Sentinel.

A Streater newspaper relates that a man in that bad city went home the other evening and found a huge snake coiled up on his lawn. He seized a hatchet and chopped the serpent into small pieces and went to bed thinking he had done well. Next morning he found his hose on the lawn in pieces about a foot long. No mention is made of where he got the whiskey—or hard cider.

An exchange says: Do you know that the most thoroughly despised woman in the neighborhood is the common tattler or gossip. People may tolerate her and may listen while she "rips her friends up the back, but at the same time they despise and detest her, knowing full well that they are liable at any time to become the victim of her malicious tongue. In ancient days they used to punish gossips and mischief makers by publicly ducking them. The men who repeated that wise statute made a great mistake. If the law was still in force the public ducker would be a prominent man in the community.

An exchange says a new swindle upon farmers has been brought to light, and it is a very sleek one. Swindler No. 1 calls upon a farmer with a patent wagon tongue and informs him that having made a big thing out of it he is on his way home with only this county to sell. He tells the farmer he can have it for \$250 and if he wants it to write to him. In a few days patent right man No. 2 comes along. He has heard that the farmer has the right to the county for the tongue, and as he made a big thing out of it in Pennsylvania he wants to buy the right of the county and offers \$400 and pays \$10 to bind the bargain. The farmer writes to No. 1 and sends his note for \$250. He never hears of either of the men again, but the note comes up for collection in a neighboring town and the farmer is out \$240.

Twenty-five years ago yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mowbray were united in marriage, and last evening a large number of their friends assembled at their home 1121 North Bloomington street, to assist in celebrating their silver wedding. Refreshments were served and the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner. Mr. and Mrs. Mowbray have resided here during all their married life and have a very large circle of acquaintances. Mrs. Mowbray is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps and it was the ladies of that organization who had charge of the affair. Some handsome presents were left behind by the guests as a token of the esteem in which they held Mr. Mowbray and his estimable wife.—Streater Free Press. Fred Mowbray of this office is a son of the above parties.

Growing.

The Nickel Plate Road, on Sunday, Sept. 3, increased their train service by the addition of a new through east bound train by merging the Chicago and Cleveland and Cleveland and Buffalo accommodation trains into a new through express with sleeping cars Chicago to Buffalo. Direct connection at Buffalo for all points East.