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Clothing! Clothing!

Fall and Winter.

McWILLIAMS & SMITH,

DWIGHT, ILL.,

Have Purchased for Cash

OVERCOATS :

Usters, Beavers, Meltons, Kerseys, Etc.

SUITS :

Clay Worsted, Diagonal, Etc., Boys' and Children's Suits, Etc.

THE LARGEST AND BEST STOCK OF FALL and WINTER CLOTHING,

But the most wonderful thing is the VERY LOW PRICES. Don't think of buying until you call. Our GENTS' FURNISHING DEPARTMENT is complete.

Trunks, Valises, Hand-Bags, Telescopes.

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JOHN GEIS, Manufacturer and Dealer
Cigars,

All kinds of Tobacco and Pipes kept constantly on hand.
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De GARMO'S
HAIR FOOD

will actively produce a growth of Hair on Bald Heads! unless the hair follicles are completely destroyed. It keeps the head free from DANDRUFF and allays itching and irritation of the scalp. Prevents the Hair falling out and restores its natural life and vitality, preserves its luxuriance and prevents it from becoming dry and hard.

FOR SALE BY
BARR & DAVIS.

KID GLOVE
CLEANER.

Lightning Eradicator!
THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

Also cleans fine Silks, Woolen Goods, and dressed Kid Slippers.

EVERY BOX WARRANTED.

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Barr & Davis,
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THE TAILOR.

Three doors northeast of the Treatment Hall, upstairs.

City Tank Line,
F. H. HOWE, Prop.

The best of Kerosine Oil and Gasoline on hand, also the celebrated Head-light Oil.
All oils delivered promptly. Stop the man with the tank when he rings the bell and buy your oil cheap and good.

Christmas

IS Coming!

And is Not far Away!

Although the times have been hard and lots of money has gone to the big fair, the wee ones, and even the big ones, must have something—some present or other during the "gladdest days of the year." These are the kind of times when people will undoubtedly buy something useful, as well as ornamental, for presents.

THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE

C. M. BAKER'S

FOR

USEFUL PRESENTS.

You will find there Chairs of all styles and prices, for the old and young. A pretty Chair for the baby, and a comfortable one for the "Old Folks at Home." We cannot begin to enumerate, but there is

EVERYTHING IN THE LINE OF FURNITURE.

Rugs, Mats, Curtains, Carpets, Etc., Etc., Etc.

AND IN

Fancy Articles

There is no end, and they are useful and beautiful. Toilet Sets, Hand Mirrors, Combs, Brushes, Beautiful Books and Albums, Fancy Stationery, and indeed everything. Whether you buy or not you should visit Charlie Baker's Store, and feast your eyes on the handsome display.

CALL EARLY AND TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

C. M. BAKER, Dwight, Ill.

Pontiac.

A visit to Pontiac Monday revealed the fact that the county seat is enjoying a nice, quiet, and steady boom, mostly at public expense. The new public library, one block north of the square is a handsome modern, two story, brick structure, and very creditable to the good people of the capitol city. The township school house, south of the Illinois Central depot, is to be a handsome and imposing structure, so also is the city school house, being erected to replace the one recently burned. There were also several residences in course of construction. The large addition to the reform institution is in course of construction.

Already the voice and wishes of the politician are heard in the land. It is gently hinted that John George would like to succeed himself as county clerk, and that Eugene Baker would like to step around the corner in the court house and take possession of the sheriff's office, next fall. Also that Mr. Foster would not object to serving the county another term as Superintendent of schools. The little political bird whippers around the court house and its gentle voice is heard outside occasionally that Geo. Franzen, deputy circuit clerk would like to take up his pen and quietly move across the hall into the treasurer's office and take care of the cash for a couple of years. And is it so that Austin Gibbons would like to see that the cash is well taken care of for a term?

Among the republicans we have heard that John Phillips, all the way from Pike, would not object to taking care of the county bastle and serve warrants for a couple of years. That Mr. Tombaugh, of Odell, would like to superintend county educational matters for one term. That Mr. Mills, of Reading, would not object to handling the cash for a term or two, and others whom we might mention, but not just yet.

Reese John, Sam Sims and Jas. Morrow recently enjoyed a fishing trip up north. They agreed on their fish stories before coming back but a natural jealousy arose as to which was the most successful fish pevericator and now they were telling stories about each other. The latest is that Sam Sims stuffed his fish with sand and sold them by weight. Ned Dickson says none of them caught a fish.

Harry McDowell says he is out of politics and perfectly satisfied with his law practice.

Several different parties have put in bids for lighting Pontiac by electricity during the next few years, so that the prices are very liable to be reduced.

If there is one thing more than another Pontiac needs it is a decent depot. The Alton railroad company ought to blush with shame to receive people in the old shack that stands there.

Coal.

When Mr. David McWilliams was here from Dwight the latter part of last week, looking after his Washington county farms, he was pleased with the fine appearance of his growing wheat. He made Clerk Vernor a visit and deposited releases for nearly \$15,000 of mortgages on the premises he had purchased, all paid off quite recently, and remarked, "I feel now that I am owner of all my purchases of land here." We are pleased to learn that Mr. McWilliams has in view the development of the fine seven foot vein of coal underlying the Kennedy tract of nearly 800 acres, two miles east of Nashville, through which the L. & N. railroad runs for one mile. The railroad company is quite willing to construct the necessary side-tracks and switches, and the parties leasing are willing to pay six cents a ton royalty for the coal mined. We learn that a seven foot vein will run about 10,000 tons to the acre, which figures up \$600 royalty per acre on the coal taken out. As soon as all details of the transaction are closed we will announce it to the public.—Nashville (Ill.) Tribune.

Fell from an Engine.

Charlie Simmons, a brakeman on the Alton whose home is in Dwight, fell from an engine this side of Joliet, and was badly bruised. He was front brakeman and was riding on the engine at the time, and looking ahead saw a light that for an instant resembled a headlight of an engine. Simmons says he made a jump to get to the brake and lost his hold and fell to the ground and struck on one of his hips on a stone pile. The train was going about twenty-five miles an hour.

The engineer told some of the boys in Dwight that Charlie thought sure it was a headlight of an engine and jumped. It proved to be a fire along side the track built by tramps.

HORRIBLE DEEDS & ACCIDENTS.

One Man to be Hung and Others who May be Sometime.

ROBBED OF \$20,000.

Mr. Drake, the son of the president of the 3-I road, and paymaster also, was robbed of \$20,000 in broad daylight in his office in Chicago Tuesday. The 3-I had just commenced to pay off in cash instead of checks and the money in Mr. Drake's possession was for that purpose. He was about to take a train on the Nickel Plate to Knox, the junction of the 3-I in Indiana, and proceed on the pay-car to pay off along the line. He was followed by a couple of young men and when in his office in the "Rookery" they sandbagged him until unconscious, took the money and lit out. Mr. Drake is quite badly injured. The work was undoubtedly done by some one knowing all about the money matters.

The many readers of the STAR AND HERALD will remember the atrocious crime committed near Wilmington, Ill., little fourteen year old Nellie Byron, being assaulted and then brutally murdered. This happened Aug. 6 and the brute, Ernest Lacore was arrested and confessed and was taken to jail by sheriff Henebry the day following. Lacore has been on trial in the criminal court at Joliet, and Wednesday the jury found him guilty and sentenced him to be hanged.

The explosion of dynamite Wednesday on the canal near Joliet resulted in the death of Harry Tinsley and Arthur Williams and badly wounded two others. The treacherous explosive froze Tuesday night and was being thawed out in the morning.

Wednesday morning about 2 o'clock burglars entered the bank owned by Claggett & Co., of Lexington, and drilled through the door of the vault, and exploded dynamite but the door refused to yield and the burglars skipped and left their tools behind.

During the past week an attempt at train robbery was made at Lincoln, an attempt to rob and murder a farmer at Carlock, and Mr. Thorpe, a merchant of El Paso was held up and probably fatally shot, and the Commercial State bank at Windsor was entered Wednesday morning, but they only got \$2. The world's fair is over and the gang of toughs who have infested Chicago are turned loose on the public.

The people of Dwight and neighborhood who are fortunate enough to have valuables should be very careful, and the night watch should be doubly vigilant.

The Survivors.

Last Saturday the two Wyllie boys, Will and Jim, were in town, and related their experience regarding the explosion of dynamite at Emington recently, most of the sad details of which are known to our readers. The boys are pretty badly scared up yet, but better off than they or their friends ever thought they would be. They were standing about six feet away from the men at work at the time of the explosion, and were shot in hundreds of places and blown twenty or twenty-five feet. James' injuries were the more dangerous, but both were very bad. The writer was shown a wire nail that was used in the dynamite box and taken from one of the wounds in James' body only last week. It was nearly two inches long and bent. The boys, as well they might, are feeling very good over their miraculous escape.

John Kennedy was standing near them at the time of the explosion and went through the same experience. Jas. Wyllie had just stepped away from the well at the time, where he had been assisting the men. He informed the writer that besides the cartridges the Eyer boys and Cornwall were preparing to lower in the well being exploded, the box of dynamite near by was also exploded. Those who were away far enough, said that two explosions were almost simultaneous, but could be distinguished.

Hanson-Wells.

Dr. and Mrs. Milton Keely attended the wedding of Mrs. Keely's brother, Col. Frank P. Wells, of Decatur, Ill., and Miss Mary Hanson, of Lansing, Mich., last Tuesday at the home of the bride. Col. Wells is a military man, as his title indicates, and Lieutenant Colonel of the 5th regiment, I. N. G., the same regiment of which Dr. Keely is surgeon, and a gentleman of high business and social standing. Mrs. Hanson Wells is said to be an accomplished and beautiful lady.

The Y's.

The Y. W. C. T. T. gave another of their very pleasant receptions to their honoraries and a few invited guests last Friday evening at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Naffziger.

Each number of the program was very spicy and each received hearty approval, especially the Quartette and Recitation by the Masters Haise and Naffziger and Misses Haise and Naffziger.

The following was the program rendered:

Hymn.....Miss Cora Adams
Reading.....Miss Lena Field
Welcome.....Miss Lena Field
Response.....Rev. Ayling
Instrumental Duet.....Miss Fannie Connor
Quartette.....Misses Litta Haise, Clara Naffziger and Masters Arthur Haise and Oliver Naffziger.
Reading.....Miss Mildred Gouid
Duet.....Misses Barr and Huey
Recitation.....Arthur Haise
Hymn.....Society

After the very interesting program, games of different kinds were indulged in and about half past ten the society and its invited guests returned to their homes each feeling it had done them good to be there.

The society in Dwight was never in a more flourishing condition than at present. Their membership is large and the work outlined for the winter can only result in good and at the same time be interesting to all.

Crank After McClaughry.

Pontiac entertained a genuine crank one day last week, with murder in his heart. He was an ex-convict, and while in Joliet penitentiary became slightly lony over some imaginative trouble regarding a pardon being intercepted. Mr. McClaughry, superintendent of the reformatory at Pontiac, was then warden of the penitentiary, and the crank got it in his deluded brain that the warden had the pardon and would not give it to him. Since the crank served his time he has been looking for McClaughry, and came to Pontiac with two revolvers last week. He inquired for the gentleman, and was referred to Postmaster Ralph Bradford, who is a nephew of Mr. McClaughry. Bradford saw the man was off and told him his uncle lived at Monmouth. The crank went to Monmouth, and was there taken into custody for safe keeping and will probably spend the balance of his days in an insane asylum. The practical evidence this country has at hand that cranks are dangerous should be sufficient warning to all to cause arrests and confinement of all cranks that make dangerous threats.

Citizen George Francis Train.

Arrangements have been going on quietly for the past week by a few members of Keeley League, No. 1, to bring to Dwight an unusual strong attraction and one that will appeal to all classes of amusement seekers. It is no less a personage than the world famed George Francis Train, who claims to have saved the world's fair and made it a great financial success. Mr. Train is accompanied by Mr. Ben King, better known to the readers of "Century" as "Bow Hackley," is also called the "Michigan Bard." Mr. King is also a clever piano player, a humorist, and is considered one of the best entertainers on the stage. The date is not yet settled, but the committee having the matter in charge are trying to close the deal for Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

K. P. Ball and Reception.

The fifth annual ball and reception of Hebron Lodge, No. 175, Knights of Pythias, will be held in Lyceum Hall, Thanksgiving evening, November 30, and elegant invitations have been issued. The committees in charge are making extensive arrangements for the reception of their many friends, and like all their efforts, will certainly be crowned with success. Everyone who receives an invitation should attend by all means, as they will be sure of an enjoyable evening. The committees in charge are as follows:

Generals—T. J. Graham, W. C. Bartholitic, Frank Reeb.

Reception—J. B. France, M. C. Carthy, Simon Klitz.

Floor—A. R. Zimmerman, Ed Reeb, H. L. Bartholitic, G. L. Kern, A. J. Diefenbach, F. L. Smith.

Prof. Herring's orchestra has been engaged, which insures excellent music.

A grand catholic fair is in session at Buchanan's hall in Odell since Tuesday and closes to-night. Many articles and money were donated for the occasion and we understand the fair has been a success financially and socially. It was given for the benefit of St. Paul's church of Odell. One of the principal features was the beautiful singing of the blind brother and sister, John and Mary McCay. The latter took the noon train at Dwight for Odell Monday, arriving here on the branch.