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Dr. Frank Conway,



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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

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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

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CALL EARLY AND TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

C. M. BAKER, Dwight, Ill.

FIRE! FIRE!

The Columbia Hotel Burned and Residence of Miss Jane Martin Badly Damaged.

Just as a large number of the good people of Dwight last Sunday had eaten their dinners, or were about to, the always fearful cry and the callope whistle announced that the fire fiend was in our midst. The usual quiet Sunday afternoon was to be one of commotion and sorrow to our people. The call was answered by the people and the fire company responded promptly. The fire was at "The Columbia," the three-story and basement hotel on Mazon avenue, owned and operated by B. R. Griffith, an old and respected resident of Dwight. The exact manner in which the fire caught will always remain a mystery, but the facts, as we have them from Mr. Griffith, are about as follows:

There was a warm fire in the stove in the front room to keep that part of the house comfortable. The Sunday Chicago papers had been brought in, and to keep them from being mixed with the others the old ones were gathered up and put in the stove and the door shut, and no particular attention was paid to the fact, as it was not an unusual occurrence. The pipe from the stove went into a chimney in the front part of the house. The chimney was not built from the ground, and was what is called a hung chimney, we believe. It is very likely that the bottom rested on wood and the bricks on the bottom were not thick enough or not properly mortared, as is often the case, especially when buildings are erected in a hurry. This may not have been the case, but it is evident that the fire started on the roof or near the roof close by the chimney. Mr. Griffith nor any of his family knew anything of the fire until it had gained quite a headway, and then they were informed by someone running in from the street. About the same time Mr. Griffith's son went out the back way and also discovered the fire. The alarm was promptly given, and in twenty minutes the whole town was at the scene.

The hose carts and hook and ladder outfit were on the ground as soon as possible and connection was made with the hydrants, but as the pressure was not great enough at the start very little could be done, except to protect the adjacent property, which was successfully done.

The large crowd around were willing to do anything, and many stood on barns, sheds and outhouses in the heat and protected them with buckets of water handed them. It was impossible for them to do anything to retard the fearful work of the fire on the hotel, because it was burning from the top down and could be reached only by hose.

As the fire increased, the two pumps were put into action, and as the pressure increased the two hose began to throw strong streams, and they then soon squelched the flames. At first both hose were attached to one hydrant, but were soon changed, when together with the increased pressure there were two streams playing on the fire with telling effect. The brave boys with the nozzles marched right up to the building, and even when every minute the high chimney was expected to fall the boys, with remarkable nerve, stood at their posts and fought the demon until they had it under control. It was the first genuine hard fire the boys have had to fight, and all honor to them, they did nobly, and too much credit cannot be given them. There may have been some mistakes under the excitement of the moment, but they got there just the same, and today the property owners west and south of the burned property on Delaware street and Prairie Avenue can thank the Dwight water works and fire company for their homes not being burned, and we hope to see the boys of the department well rewarded for their work.

The residence of Miss Jane Martin was not more than twenty or thirty feet and caught fire early in the conflagration and was damaged by fire and water so that it is almost a complete loss.

The fire broke out about one o'clock and burned about an hour and a half before it was under complete control, and the front up to the second story and the sides part of the way back and a number of petitions were left standing, but none of the wreck was good for anything unless for kindling. The barn and outhouses were all saved by the work and watchfulness of the lookers on.

Quite a lot of furniture, etc., was brought out in the street and adjacent lots but it was most all damaged, and the loss of the hotel and furniture is nearly complete. We are pleased to state that the building and contents

were quite well covered with insurance. The total insurance is \$5,000, \$4,200 on the building and \$800 on the household goods. Ketcham & Smith had \$3,700 in the companies they represented, and Chas. L. Romberger the remainder. Miss Martin's residence was insured for \$1,000.

Mr. Griffith erected The Columbia in 1891 and 1892 for the accommodation of Keeley patients and as long as the crowd kept up did a flourishing business, but of late he did not have many boarders. The building was a curious shaped affair and many thought inconvenient on account of being so high in proportion to the ground covered. The building, furniture and lot we understand cost Mr. Griffith somewhere in the neighborhood of \$9,000, but it was not all paid for. The Griffith family are to be congratulated on being so well insured, but of course there are hundreds of little things a family will gather together for years and are very valuable to them that cannot be replaced, and the loss is great and causes a great deal of mental anguish.

NOTES.

Mr. Griffith and family moved into the Scott house Monday.

Many brave acts and deeds of daring were done and all deserve credit.

George Kern had a car-load of flour in his barn, which was nearly all carried out.

Now is the time for the people to give the fire laddies some encouragement. They deserve it.

Martin Seibert and family thought their handsome residence was gone at first until they saw the wind was in their favor.

Most of the residents on Delaware street near the fire, Messrs. Rhinehart, Will Prime, Muro Bartholic, Geo. Kern Mr. Doty, Mrs. Dan Smith and L. J. Trunnell were all ready to start moving had the fire started to spread.

If the water works had been provided with a standpipe so that proper pressure could have been used as soon as the hose was attached the fire would not have burned down farther than the top of the second story. This is a good time to organize the standpipe company. No man who has money should refuse to take stock.

This is the largest fire since the Kepplinger block, STAR and HERALD, Laundry, North Star, Koehlein store, Ahern store, Strufe house, John Crocker's residence and the Perry house was burned Oct. 10, 1891. We had no water works then and the fire fiend had things its own way and made a clean sweep. The same thing would have been done this time only for the water works, and still, there are kickers, but we hope to hear no more.

There was some kicking about the pressure not being sufficient at the time the fire started. There would be a great deal more kicking if sufficient coal was used to keep the pressure up there all the time. Engineer Mills made things hum when he got started, and still there is plenty of water. Another well, pump and standpipe is what is needed, and the people that have lots of property to protect should furnish the money for these things, and assist in extending the mains all over the city. Dwight could then pay the money back with interest from the receipts of the works. This would have been done if the Morgan system had been accepted as it should have been and a nice revenue for the city for the past year would have been paying for it, but it is not thusly and we must make the best of it.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. B. R. Griffith and family wish to return their sincere thanks to the Dwight Fire Company and the neighbors and friends in Dwight, who so kindly assisted them during and after the fire last Sunday.

At His Old Tricks.

W. A. McKeighan will be remembered quite well by many around these parts. He formerly resided in Round Grove. If some of our citizens around here forget him they might refer to bits of paper with "I promise," at the top and the signature of "W. A. McKeighan" at the bottom and revive their memory. The Chicago Herald of Tuesday, contained an account of their being a warrant out for the arrest of Congressman McKeighan at Lincoln, Neb. He was elected to Congress from Nebraska by the populists and is now serving his second term. The warrant, says the Herald, was sworn out on the charge of beating a board bill, by A. L. Hoover & Son, proprietors of the Lindell Hotel. The bill was for \$50 and was contracted during the senatorial fight there last winter. He will probably pay it if he has to.

"Temple of Fame."

The much talked of production of the "Temple of Fame" takes place next Tuesday evening at the opera house. As the name indicates the play is a temple of fame, and the famous figures are there paying tribute to the "Goddess of Fame." The scene is laid in the supposed gorgeously furnished home of the Goddess of Fame, who receives those who have been famous for hundreds of years down to the present through some great act in life, be it sublime or ridiculous. Christopher Columbus, George and Martha Washington and Mother Goose pay homage to the same Goddess. The dignified handsome Cleopatra and Josiah and Mrs. Allen are given an audience. And so on we might enumerate them, but a glance at the cast of characters published herewith, will give the information. The ladies of the Congregational church certainly deserve great credit for having brought the production up to the standard they have with local talent, and those from other denominations who have so kindly assisted them deserve the same.

The costumes used will be very fine and adapted to the times and customs when the characters represented gained fame. There are about sixty of our town people in the cast, and the writer had the pleasure of witnessing one of their rehearsals, and was much surprised to see the proficiency the participants had gained in the short time for preparation. Those taking part are of all ages. Following is the

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Goddess of Fame.....	Mrs. Fisher
Wreath bearers for Goddess.....	Henrietta Miller, Hazel Fisk
.....	Columbus.....
.....	S. T. K. Prime
Sisters of Charity.....	.....
.....	Miss Bessie Baker, Mrs. Wm. Losee
Sappho.....	Miss Mabel Owen
Queen Isabella.....	Mrs. Carl Miller
Barbara Fritschie.....	Mrs. Palmiller
Mary, Queen of Scots.....	Mrs. J. R. Oughton
Marian and Mauds.....	.....
Misses Adie Barr, Cora Baker, Iva Martin, Florence Trunnell, Emma Barr, Bridgett O'Flanagan.....	Miss Cora Adams
Joan of Ark.....	Miss Haid
Guards.....	Dan Fox, Henry Crandall
Christine Nelson.....	Mrs. Howlett
Harriet Beecher Stowe and Topsy.....	Mrs. Spencer and "Guess Who"
Carey sisters.....	Mrs. Mary Gould, Miss Minnie Lower
Ruth.....	Miss Bel Martin
Josiah Allen and wife.....	.....
.....	Mr. Meneeley, Mrs. Henry Fox
Pocahontas and John Smith.....	.....
.....	Mrs. Joe Miller, C. V. Bower
Cleopatra.....	Miss May Morgan
Rose Bonheur.....	Miss Lizzie Winkler
Mother Goose.....	Mrs. Doty
Mrs. Partington and Ike.....	.....
.....	Mrs. Romberger, Prof. Wilson
George and Martha Washington.....	.....
.....	Mrs. R. C. Adams, B. A. Buck
Grace Darling.....	Dr. Florence Thompson
Xantippe and Socrates.....	.....
.....	Mrs. Koehler, J. L. Van Emen
Diogenes.....	.....
.....	Mrs. B. M. Cnubb
Louise Acoett and four little children.....	.....
Nora Goodman and Aggie Doherty, Minnie Morgan, Luella Webster, Rebecca Shearer, Mother and two little children.....	.....
Mrs. Fisk, Harry Miller and Maudie Ivens.....	.....
Herald.....	Charles Adams
Chorus of Girls, Guards, etc., etc.....	.....
Accompanist.....	Mrs. J. C. Lewis
Prompter.....	Mrs. B. A. Buck

This is thoroughly a home entertainment as will be seen by the cast and should receive support accordingly. The prices are 50, 35 and 25 cents and tickets can be procured of the ladies or at Barr & Davis' drug store. The date is the 28th, next Tuesday evening.

Literary and Musical.

The literary and musical entertainment given in G. A. R. Hall Tuesday evening, under the auspices of that organization, the Corps and the Sons of Veterans, was just what it was expected to be.

The readings of Miss Annie Janvier Jones, of Eureka, Ill., were excellent, and showed deep study and a thorough knowledge of the art of delivery and impersonation. This, coupled with a natural adaptation for her vocation, makes her recitations doubly effective. One production would bring tears to the eyes of almost everyone in the hall, and the next one would convulse them with laughter. Miss Jones is a very pleasant little lady, and we predict will make a grand success in her chosen profession.

Miss Jones left Wednesday for Odell, where she gave a recital in the evening, to Wenona Thursday, and at Chenoa Saturday.

The music rendered by the male quartette, Messrs. Stevens, Naffziger, Baker and Wilson, was excellent, and the duet by Miss Minnie Lower and Mr. Stevens was particularly fine, and the organization in charge wish to return their thanks to them for their kindness.

The entertainment was a success in every particular, except financially, and not so very bad that way.

Finger Smashed.

James Goodman had the misfortune Wednesday to mash his forefinger on his right hand while coupling cars at Matamora. He was in the act of coupling a Jenney coupling to a common Potter when the accident occurred. He had the wounded member dressed, and arrived home on the evening train. Thursday he was feeling as well as could be expected. The wound is painful and will keep Mr. Goodman from his work for some time.