

Publish the News. One of our subscribers last Saturday took us to task for not publishing the news. There is not a local newspaper anywhere that publishes all the news. There are several reasons for this. One is that it is impossible for anyone to get all the news, unless everyone will lend their assistance. We have time and time again requested everyone that had an item of news to either tell someone connected with the paper or write it on a postal card or drop letter and send to our address in the Dwight postoffice.

Another important reason why all the news furnished us, or found out by us, is not published, is that some of it is not fit for publication and would tend to debase morals and would not be fit reading for any man's family. We do not wish any news that cannot be read by members of a family, from the child up, without causing a blush of shame or an impure thought.

Another man will say to us "Why didn't you have that fight in that occurred so and so?" There are very few disgraceful acts in this community that do not come to the ears of the editor, and if any wrong doer thinks he or she is getting out of being held up to public scorn in print because the editor does not know of the occurrence or has sympathy for such persons, they may as well disabuse their minds of that erroneous idea. There are always plenty of people ready to tell something bad of a person who would not tell anything good. That's where an editor has got to use his judgment and take into consideration all the facts and surroundings. In the first place there are few people in the world but who are possessed of some good, and we never believe in kicking a man when he is down or assist in greasing everything for the occasion when he is going down hill. In the second place most wrongdoers have relatives and near friends whose feelings should be respected. Relatives, in most cases, are not to blame, but holding the bad ones of a family up to scorn, would subject them to severe and often unjust criticism. A conscientious business man in the news paper business, if he expects the friendship and good will of the public must do the square thing. News such as just criticism of public acts, has always been given by the STAR and HERALD and always will be, but no matter what we say of a man's public acts, our opinion of the same man is unbiased. In our opinion a man that will break friendship or abuse a man personally to his face or behind his back simply because he disagrees with him on questions of public policy or politically, is not much of a man, and his acts do not deserve much consideration in any community.

There is a class of news that comes to an editor which he feels that for financial reasons he must not publish. Newspaper men must use some policy in their business the same as men in other businesses. They must protect their business to the best of their ability, and do what they think best to retain their financial and moral support. If we err in this matter it is but human. We know of none of our business men who do not conduct their business for all there is in it, but we must say there is not much in it this year.

People that complain about the news not being published are generally the ones that are looking for something to kick about. One thing is sure, that whether we publish it all or not, we publish more than any other paper in this part of the state.

Death of Mr. John Henry Diffebaugh. We clip the following from the American Sentinel, published at Westminster, Md., regarding the death of the father of our esteemed townsman, Mr. J. Diffebaugh. The latter was at his father's bedside for several weeks and assisted in making his last days on earth as pleasant as possible under the sad circumstances:

Mr. John Henry Diffebaugh, father of Mr. John T. Diffebaugh and grandfather of Prof. James A. Diffebaugh, died about five o'clock yesterday morning, at his home in Fountain Valley, aged eighty-seven years, one month and seventeen days. On Saturday, September 16th, while dining with the kitchen fire, he fell on the woodpile and was fatally injured. Since then he has lain in a helpless condition, apparently suffering very little if any pain, but unable to partake of any food except the thinnest fluids, and gradually wasting away. Up to the time of his fall, notwithstanding his advanced age, he was well and vigorous, and insisted on attending to all the work about his home, impelled by the stern sense of duty which characterized him through life and made him unwilling to be unemployed, or suffer another to do for him what he could do for himself. He was born September 16, 1846, on the farm which is now the residence of Mr. Wm. H. Gelman, near this city, and was married May 4, 1872, to Elizabeth Powell, also of this city, who died a malignant cancer April 18, 1898. Their descendants number fourteen children, forty-six grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He was a man of sterling integrity, fearless candor, firm convictions, strong affections and great industry—a good example of the sturdy yeomanry which has aided in giving American citizenship its high rank in the world. His eldest sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Horton of Huntington, Pa., aged 84, survives him, and spent some time with him in his recent illness. Two other sisters, Mrs. Adian Gilbert of Westminster, and Mrs. James Gilbert of Uniontown, died recently, Mrs. Gilbert at the age of 87 and the other at the age of 82. Funeral services were held at Meadow Branch Church on Sunday afternoon, the meeting at the residence was held at 1:30 o'clock.

Left for Collection. The book accounts of J. W. Sargent & Son are left with the undersigned for collection. Those knowing themselves indebted to the above firm must call at once and settle. KETCHAM & SMITH.

Prices Way Down. Now is the time to buy an overcoat. The largest stock in the county is selected from. MILLER BROS.

Thanksgiving. Next Thursday, the last day of November, has been set aside by the president of the United States and the different governors as a day of Thanksgiving throughout our land to Almighty God for the many blessings bestowed on us during the past year. There is no one but who has some thing to be thankful for, even those that have been unfortunate in some things, must have been fortunate in others. Those that have succeeded, during the financial pressure, to meet their expenses this year, have indeed, cause to be thankful. Those that have their health should be thankful. Everyone in Dwight should be thankful that none of the fearful financial disasters have reached our midst, and that our financial institutions and business interests have stood the storms of adversity without any visible effect. We should be thankful for having far seeing financiers and merchants who are always prepared for such emergencies. We should also be thankful that we are possessed of liberal hearted, just business men who are always willing to assist the needy in time of need and tide the worthy over until their favors are gladly returned by an appreciating public. There are many other things for which we should all be thankful. Much to the credit of our people it is very seldom that a case of actual need ever comes to light in our midst. There are those who look after such things and cases of need are attended to without the general public ever knowing it. Our people are mostly liberal hearted and give from the heart and not from the hand.

To those that have been sorely tried in many ways during the last year, and can see very little to be thankful for, everyone should extend a helping hand and by kindness give them something to be thankful for.

Card of Thanks. At a meeting of the Fire Company Monday the secretary was instructed with the following notice: To those persons who furnished the coffee, sandwiches and cigars at the fire on last Sunday, we desire to extend our hearty thanks and the act will be kindly remembered by the boys.

H. L. HAGERTY, Sec. D. F. D.

A Good Offer. Prime's Crop Bulletin is probably the best authority on the general condition of crops and information of good roads in this country. The regular subscription price is \$2.00 per year. The regular price of the STAR and HERALD is \$1.25-\$3.25 for both. We have concluded, during the hard times to offer the two for \$2.25 per year.

We Call Them Little Folks. Colonel and Mrs. J. N. Parsons gave a birthday party to some of the little folks on Friday evening, the 17th, in honor of the 8th birthday of their daughter Florence. Tea was served on little tables from little dishes by little Miss Florence. Everything was on the small order except the crowd and the occasion. Below is a list of those in attendance: Elia Louise Chester, Florence M. Judd, Burnice M. Miller, Nellie McLane, Gertrude Norton, Stella E. Bovik, Lulu M. Conway, Clara Naffziger, Winne R. Leach, Bertie Groll, Bessie M. Palm, Grace Edna Doherty, Louise Romberger, Lella Gertrude Barr, Louise Eliza Leach, Litta Mae Haise, Constance D. Taylor, Margaret Louise Baker, Lura McLane.

Quarterly Meeting at M. E. Church. Saturday, 7 p. m., quarterly conference in lecture room. Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school, L. A. Naffziger, superintendent; 10:45 a. m., Elder Haney will preach; at close of sermon will be administered the sacrament; 3 p. m., love feast; 6:30 p. m., devotional; 7:30 p. m., Epworth League, 7:30 p. m., sermon by the pastor.

Card of Thanks. We desire in this way to return our thanks to the Epworth League and their friends for remembering us so kindly at the close of the Harvest Home and other kindnesses. We were so very far from lightening the burdens and making glad the hearts of any paragon home.

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Steam Heat. The steam heating apparatus is hot in the town house and will make it now for some time. There has been some very hot times in that room during the past year, and now steam from the pump house will take its turn. The house is now electric lighted and steam heated.

Our Taxes. The tax rate in Dwight this year is high, \$6.25 on \$100 valuation. This, however, is no higher than any place while making improvements, and no more so than was expected. The tax in Pontiac is \$6.84, twenty-nine cents more than in Dwight.

Settle Up. All knowing themselves indebted to us will please call immediately and settle their bills. EYER BROS.

It Should Be in Every House. J. B. Wilson, 371 Clay St., Sharpsburg, Pa., says he will not be without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and Colds, that it cured his wife who was threatened with Pneumonia after an attack of "La Grippe," when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good. Robert Barber, of Crooksport, Pa., claims Dr. King's New Discovery has done him more good than anything he ever used for Lung trouble. Nothing like it. Try it. Free trial bottles at Dr. Barr, Dwight, and W. H. H. Augustine's, Braceville, Drug Store. Large bottles, 50c. and \$1.

Educational Column.

A few days ago a letter came from State Sup. Raab, enclosing the following circular from him to the directors of this state: "The vaccination order of the State Board of Health, adopted Nov. 22, 1891, is as follows: Resolved, that by the authority vested in this Board, it is hereby ordered that on and after Jan. 1, 1893, no pupil shall be admitted to any public school in this state without presenting satisfactory evidence of proper and successful vaccination. A committee of just cases from the State Board of Health states that an emergency now exists, that demands full compliance with the provisions of said order. You are therefore respectfully asked to report to the office of the Superintendent at your earliest convenience, the condition of your school with regard to the following points: First—What measures have been taken by your Board to enforce the vaccination protection of your school? Please send a copy of existing rules, order or regulation of your Board on this subject. Second—To what extent are these measures successful? In what are they defective? Third—What is your total enrollment? Average daily attendance? Number presenting satisfactory evidence of proper and successful vaccination at the beginning of the term?"

This circular Supt. Raab asked me to copy and send to the Clerk of each Board of Directors in this County. I have done so and am constantly receiving letters asking if I am commanding the directors to enforce the vaccination orders in their districts. I wish to state again that the order is from the State Board of Health, and that I have nothing to do with the matter except to send the circular to directors and their replies back to the proper officer of the Board of Health. Several directors in replying have said that I already have a record of enrollment and average attendance on file in the office. It is true that this information is filed on the teachers' reports, but it would take several hours to sort it out and copy it for the use of the Board, when a director can put it down for his district in a minute or two and that have his reply ready to send right on from here. The emergency mentioned in the circular is that of small-pox seems to be spreading in Chicago, and it is reported that several districts in this county are quarantined because of the presence of small-pox. Directors have it in their power to comply with the order of the Board, but at the same time the Board may deal with them for such refusal. I am not enforcing-officer in this matter and should certainly advise that the parents in each district be consulted about the matter and that protection through vaccination be made as universal as possible. The Board of Health report that during the recent epidemic of small-pox in Muncie, Ind., one hundred and thirty vaccinated children took the small-pox, and there were but two fatal cases, while seven unvaccinated children who contracted the disease the whole number died. If it is decided to vaccinate in any district, it would be best to send to the Secretary of the State Board of Health at Springfield, Ill., for fresh, pure virus, to avoid the transmission of skin diseases among the children.

Since the opening of the winter term of school is now drawing near, it would be well for directors to see that their schools are in the best possible sanitary condition. Many of them need to be well scrubbed, walls washed with lime water, floors swept and mopped, provide the necessary implements for the proper care of the school room during the term and should see that they are used. Teachers who are refusing to buy a broom are not only neglecting their plain duty as laid down in the order, but are running a risk as to the health of the children. Broken windows should be looked after, but should be repaired as they are needed. In many school houses the sills under the doors have worn away leaving a crack over half an inch wide, where cold winds in, sometimes supplemented with rain and snow, it costs the district more in extra coal to keep up the temperature than it would to fix the crack ten times over, to say nothing of the comfort of the children. Should the foundation be of an open character, it should be securely banked to keep out the cold this winter. The cleanliness and purity of the water supply should be carefully looked after. The long drought not yet ended and the low impure water in the wells are very liable to bring on a serious epidemic of various diseases before spring unless every effort toward protecting health is made. The Round Table Association will meet at Pontiac, Friday evening and Saturday, Nov. 24 and 25, where the following topics will be up for discussion: 1.—How Shall we Utilize in our School Work what we Gained at the Fair? 2.—County Institutes. (a) Local. (b) Annual. 3.—Teachers' Course of Study. 4.—What is a High School? What Should be the Basis of Admission to a High School? 5.—Relation of Principals and Teachers to Intermentures, Recreations and the Play-grounds. All county Superintendents with their assistants, high school principals and assistants, with grammar grade teachers are cordially invited to be present. Expenses provided. Full report of this meeting will be given next week. A letter recently received from C. E. Schlabach, now of Clinton, Iowa, confirms the report that he has been elected County Superintendent in that county by a handsome majority. The people are to be congratulated on securing a live school man for the position and all Livingston County teachers will extend their wishes to Mr. Schlabach for health and success.

School Notes. Speed away No. 10. Mr. Clay Parker visited the schools this week. Miss Thompson visited the High School Thursday. Holidays are rather numerous with some of late. Dan Fox visited in the High School Wednesday afternoon. William Barth was on the sick list the end of last week and a portion of this.

Two pupils were refused admission into the schools this week for want of room. All attending the schools must have a certificate of vaccination by Dec. 15, 1893. Round Table meeting at Pontiac to-day Prof. Wilson and Menecey are in attendance.

The Misses Brown have been detained from their school duties the past week on account of sickness. Carl Perry has been absent part of the week on account of sickness. Carl remember your excuse. Miss Mary L. Palmeter was unable to take charge of her department Friday, the 17th, on account of sickness.

The number of pupils last week should have been 68 instead of 58 in the High School, and with two new ones, Miss Wasson, of Nevada, and Mr. Elmer Davis, we have a total of 70. There is a list of articles on one of the boards that have been lost strayed or stolen from various desks.

The half hour between the dismissal and teachers meeting every two weeks will be used for a lesson in penmanship for all who wish it. The teachers have prepared a course of study for their own individual improvement as an aid to better teaching. If this is carried out it means better schools in the future.

Buck's Opera Company, "Better Than Gold," is the way the bill read that was being passed around in the recitation rooms, although we hear things look quite blue for the company it represents. M. E. Buck presented the class with some apparatus this week. Although a little late the machines show skill in workmanship and will be of excellent service to future classes in Physics. Four ladies visited Miss Barr's department Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Gould visited the schools at LaGrange Monday so there was no school in her department during her absence.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES & NEWS.

Pontiac Pick-ups. Hon' Bally Gower and D. W. Walker, of Odell, visited here together recently. That looks like old times. Ruddy Bros.' hardware store was entered by burglars last Friday night and some revolvers, ammunition and cutlery stolen. W. W. Babcock, brother of H. O. of this place, a resident of Pontiac twenty years ago, was one of the lucky republicans that was elected to the New York legislature at the recent election. The ladies of the relief corps cleared \$80 at their recent entertainment. The big moguls of I. C. were here this week on an inspection tour. Chris Strawn was in Dwight last week on legal business.

Round Grove. Billy Yates left last week for Kansas, where he will farm next year. Mrs. James Maguire is taking treatment at the hospital in Chicago. She is gaining slowly. Miss Mamie Marshall will commence school in District 5 next Monday. Jens-Mortensen is drilling a new well. Jim Beatty is making preparations to train his trotting colt. It is hard to say which is the biggest, Jim or the colt, he says if they ever get started they will go like McKinley did in Ohio. How would this sound, for county judge J. D. Brophy. John Heckel will move from Dwight to the Mills' farm in the near future. Bert Grant has an organ in the depot at Wilson now, his singing and playing has so completely charmed the old elevator horse that he refuses to eat his oats. Jim Kinney was acting as store keeper and postmaster at Wilson last week. Jim says he can sell stamps just as well as a republican P. M. he thinks he will apply for an office in 1896.

Gardner. Gus Eversole was in Joliet Tuesday. John Powell went to Braceville Sunday. Miller Hansen is able to be at work again. Al. Davis, of Mazon, was in town Saturday. Wm. Luther, of Dwight, was in town Thursday. Barney Reilly, of Reddick, was in town Friday. Doug. Carter, of Mazon, was in town last week. Miss Kitty Sutton visited in Joliet this week. Wm. Swyger and family in Braceville Sunday. O. C. Minor visited his brother at Fowler, Indiana. M. A. Hansen was in Chicago Friday on business. Mr. Jacobsen, of Dwight was on our streets Thursday. Mr. Clover has taken possession of the postoffice, and has fitted it up with an entire new outfit of boxes which was needed very bad, as we had been using the old ones for the last thirty years.

Meeting Postponed. The regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America, of Dwight, is postponed to Wednesday evening of next week, at which time the nomination of officers will be made. W. G. DUSTIN, V. C. F. MOWBRAY, Clerk.

Religious Notices. Sunday school 9:30 a. m., L. A. Naffziger, Supt. Epworth League service at 7 p. m., W. T. Wilson, Pres. Leader for Sunday evening, A. B. Conant. Junior League, Saturday 9:30. Lydia Seavert, Pres. Rev. Fisher preaches morning and evening at the Congregational church All invited, seats free. Sunday school at 12, noon, Sunday Mr. Van Eman, Supt. Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening. Benevolent Society, Thursday, p. m. Choir practice, Friday, 7:45 p. m.

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