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Abstracts of Title.

DWIGHT, ILL.

Dr. Frank Conway,



THE VETERINARIAN,

Has returned and will practice in Dwight. Can be found at Seymour's Drug Store.

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 "gladest days of the year." These are the kind of times when people will undoubtedly buy something useful, as well as ornamental, for presents.

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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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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.

The Herald Article.

There is a certain class of hangers-on around the Chicago journals, whose only hope of anything to eat is to write something sensational, with no regard for the truth, or garbled to such an extent as to be thoroughly unreliable, and then reap their reward of \$6 a column. The managers of these papers pay very little attention to these articles, only having sympathy for the financial condition of the writer, and thus they slip into print. Last Sunday an article regarding Dwight appeared in the Chicago Herald from the pen of one Bogart, a slippery, careless sort of a writer, who derives his information from any one he meets and is liable to place confidence in the story of a man that has no earthly interests in the community as one whose whole interests are here and knows thoroughly the conditions of Dwight and exactly what brought them about. It will be seen from the following that the man Bogart did not interview hardly anyone except H. Fox whom everyone knows does not derive a living from the town and does most of all of his trading outside, and the money derived from his management of the Scully lands goes to the old country to assist his lord and master to live in courtly style. Following is what the business men of Dwight have to say and should convince any reasonable man as to what is thought of the Leslie E. Keeley Co. at home:

Geo. Z. Flagler & Son, Lumber and Coal Dealer:
Q. Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter any time last week?
A. We were not.
Q. Do you consider the Keeley Co. a benefit to the Village of Dwight?
A. We consider it a great benefit.
Q. Do you think they have kept their promises?
A. We do and would hate to have them leave.

B. A. Buck, Hardware Dealer:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter any time last week? I was not.
Are you in favor of The Keeley Institute as a business interest to the Village of Dwight? I am.
Are they a benefit to Dwight? They have been and are every day a great benefit to the town. It would mean ruin to the town to have them leave.

Roger Mills, Real Estate:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? I was not.
Do you consider The Keeley Institute a benefit to Dwight? A great benefit.
J. S. Guardianier, Jeweler:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter any time last week? I was not.

George Baker, Grocer:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter any time last week? I was not.
Are you in favor of the Keeley Institute as a cure and a business interest? I am.
Do you consider it a help to Dwight? I do.

John Thompson, Police Magistrate:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter any time last week? I was not.
Are you in favor of The Keeley Institute as a business interest to the Village of Dwight? I am.
Do you consider them a help? A great help.

Phillip Weicker, Baker:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter any time last week? I was not.
Leach & Reeb, Boots and Shoes:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter any time last week? We were not.
Are they a help to the business interests of the town? They are. It would be a great loss to lose them.

Col. J. B. Parsons, Postmaster:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? I was not.
Are they a help to the business interests of the town? They are. Personally I consider the members of the Keeley Institute men of sterling qualities.

David McWilliams, Banker:
Have you read the article published in the Chicago Herald of last Sunday entitled "Dwight and Its Woes?" Yes.
Were you interviewed by the special reporter of the Herald when here? I was not, and had no knowledge of the article until after its publication.
Do you consider said article a fair representation of the financial condition of the municipal affairs of Dwight? Think the article would mislead anyone who might read it, as to their conclusions of our condition financially.

Do you agree with the reporter in the statement that our debt is \$55,000.00, bonded debt? I have endeavored to keep posted on our financial condition, and from memory give the following as to the Corporation debt:
Bonds issued in Oct. 1890, for Water works..... \$ 8,500.00
Orders issued to complete Waterworks about..... 7,000.00
Bonds issued for general purposes Dec. 1892..... 8,500.00
Special Assessment for Sewer purposes running 1, 2 and 3 years yet, not including present assessment which is nearly paid off, (about)..... 11,500.00
Making Total Debt..... \$35,500.00

In regard to the item of no funds to pay our bonded interest, there is now on hand in the city treasury to the credit of interest account, over \$700.00 and all accrued interest has been met, and none due for some months.
Have the taxes during the past three years been materially increased over former years? Will answer by giving you the amount of taxes on my block for five years past:

Taxes for 1888..... \$175.00
" 1889..... 140.00
" 1890..... 151.00
" 1891..... 145.00
" 1892..... 135.00

Making town taxes more formerly, besides an increase of value in 1890 of \$500.
How do you account for the decrease, whilst the corporation expenses have largely increased? This comes from the increased valuation of improvements and the growth of our town, and a very large proportion, possibly 75 per cent. of the increase, comes from the expenditure of The Keeley Company in the erection of their buildings (and the basis for same not charged) is upon Real and Personal about 50 per cent. of the railroad valuation remaining about the same.

McWilliams & Smith, Dry Goods and Grocers:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? We were not.
Do you consider The Keeley Institute a help to the business interests of Dwight? We do.

Miller Bros, Dry Goods and Clothing:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? We were not.
Do you consider The Keeley Co. a benefit to the business interests of Dwight? A great benefit, past, present and future. It would be a great calamity to the town to have them leave. We consider Dr. Keeley a man of his word.

Chas. Waters, Hardware:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? Was not.
Do you consider the Keeley Institute a business help to the village of Dwight? I do.

Loose & Brown, Poultry Dealers:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter any time last week? We were not.
Do you consider The Keeley Co. a help to the business interests of the town? We do.

Hiram Cornell, Hotel:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? I was not.
Do you consider The Keeley Co. a benefit to the business interests of Dwight? A great benefit.

J. D. Kyle, Hotel:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter any time last week? I was not.
Do you consider the Keeley Institute a help to the business interests of Dwight? I do.

Thomas Real:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter any time last week? I was not.
Do you consider The Keeley Co. a benefit to the business interests of Dwight? I do.

A. J. Diffsbaugh, Barber:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter any time last week? I was not.
What effect do you think such reports have upon the interests of the town? They hurt the town very much.
Do you think the Keeley Institute a benefit to the business interests of the town? The Institution is a great benefit to Dwight.

Georg & Sterrett, Hay and Feed Dealers:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? We were not.
Do you consider The Co. a help to the business interests of Dwight? We do.

Walter Weese, Blacksmith:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? I was not.
Do you consider The Keeley Co. a help to the business interests of Dwight? I do.

G. A. Seymour, Druggist:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? I was not.
Are you in favor of The Keeley Co. a benefit to the business interests of the town? I do.

Geo. Keppinger, cigar store:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? I was not, and do not know anything about it.
John Geis, cigar dealer:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? I was not. Do you consider the institute a help to the village of Dwight? I do.

J. C. Lewis, jeweler:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? I was; and the following is, to the best of my recollection, about what I told the Herald reporter: "Is the Keeley Co. a benefit to town? It is. Is the new paper, as reported in Chicago, backed by the business men of the town? It is not. Should Dr. Keeley pull out his business and leave the town, would the town be in better condition or worse? It would be in worse condition than it was 15 years ago. It would be ruinous to the town."
C. H. Barr, M. D.
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? I was not. Do you think the Keeley Co. a help to the business interests of the town? I do.

reporter last week? We were not. Do you consider the Keeley Institute a help to the business interests of Dwight? We do. What effect do you think such articles as published by the Herald have upon the business interests of our village? A disastrous effect upon our future.

Mrs. Strufe, hotel:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? I was not. Do you consider the Keeley Institute a benefit to the business interests of the village? I do consider it a great benefit.

E. E. Fenn, confectionery:
Were you interviewed by the Herald reporter last week? I was not. Do you consider the Keeley Institute a benefit to the business interests of the village? I do consider it a great benefit.

C. M. Baker, Furniture:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? I was not interviewed.

James Kelagher, Notion Store:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? I was not, and did not know of the article until I saw it in the Sunday paper.
Do you consider the article published by the Herald a truthful statement of affairs in the Village of Dwight? I do not. There is no truth in the article.

W. E. Austin, Butcher:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? I was not.
Do you consider The Keeley Co. a benefit to the business interest of the town? A great benefit.

E. T. Miller, Dry Goods and Clothing:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? Was not.
Do you consider the Keeley Institute a benefit to the business interests of the Village of Dwight? A great benefit.

Liggett & Liggett, Grocers:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter any time last week? We were not.
Do you consider The Keeley Co. a help to the business interests of the town? A great benefit.

Eugene Flauser, Hardware:
Were you interviewed by a Herald reporter last week? I was not.
Are you in favor of the Keeley Institute? I am.
Do you consider them a help to the business interests of the town? A great benefit.

Special Session of the Board.
A special session of the Board of Trustees was held last Thursday evening for the purpose of taking action on the sewer matter. The opinion handed down, bearing upon the reversal of the case, was read, and as there was no other action to take, it was, upon motion, voted unanimously to appeal the case to the supreme court.

There has already been, we understand, over half of the special assessment for sewer purposes paid, and many people have paid all their installments and thus saved interest, and still we have some people who would like to see this property bound up so as to be useless. The sewer has to be paid for and their is nothing to gain, but all to lose, by stopping the use of it, and the trustees did but their duty to their constituents when they voted to appeal.

Mr. Hayes now has a chance to save the expense of the appeal if he will, but will he?

McClary-Cook.
Miss Anna McClary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McClary, and Mr. Will O. Cook, of Goodfarm, were quietly married Wednesday, the 20th, at high noon, at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. Ayling, of Dwight performing the ceremony. There was no one present except the immediate relatives. After the ceremony, all present sat down to an excellent dinner, such a fine one as the bride's mother, Mrs. McClary, can make. Congratulations were extended by those present.

Miss Anna McClary was well known in Dwight, having attended school here, and afterward taught school in Goodfarm. She is a very pleasant and prepossessing young lady of excellent judgement and has many friends. Mr. Cook is a hard working, honorable young man, well known in Dwight, is a member of the K. of P. lodge, and has no enemies. He has rented the J. Crocker place in Goodfarm, where the young couple will take up their residence.

The STAR AND HERALD joins many friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Cook a long, happy and prosperous future.

For Sale.
D. B. Stevens has some choice building lots that he will sell cheap or trade for horses.