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Our Own State University.

We clip the following from the Edwardsville, Ill., Intelligencer, regarding one of our most honored townsmen which explains itself.

Richard P. Morgan, of Dwight, a civil engineer and railway expert, was in the city last week as witness in a case in the circuit court. Mr. Morgan is one of the trustees of the University of Illinois at Champaign, and, as the Intelligencer happened to know, a working member possessed with good ideas. The University is a state institution. Prior to 1890 it was managed by a board of trustees who were appointed. Since then the office is elective. Mr. Morgan was one of the first trustees elected. In recent years the trustees have given the institution something of a shaking up and it has resulted in a great and favorable impetus. Its enrollment for 1893 shows a gain over 1892 of 21 per cent and nearly 40 per cent over that of 1891.

The institution has won fame especially for its course in engineering. General Scoy Smith, an eminent engineer, recently said that whenever he is in need of engineering service he gives preference to the graduates of the University of Illinois, having tested the product and found it to be exceedingly good. Mr. Morgan says he feels safe in saying that there is no better college for engineering in the country and but few, if any, equal it. A new engineering hall to cost \$160,000 is in course of erection. Upon its completion the facilities for students of the science in all its branches, mechanical, mining, electrical, municipal, etc., will surpass any in the world.

Within the past two years much attention has been given by the trustees to the employment of women professors and it is the intention of the board to make the institution specially attractive to the young women of the state, throwing around them every care that their parents would desire and furnishing to them every opportunity for a higher education and social cultivation. It can also be said to the credit of the University that it does not cultivate in the minds of the student extravagant ideas of life but rather learning and labor go hand in hand, moderate, reasonable and with a steadfast purpose of discharging the duties of life faithfully.

Mr. Morgan asked that his name be not mentioned in connection with information obtained, saying that the credit for what had been done belonged to the trustees collectively. The Intelligencer feels certain that none have labored more faithfully than he. Mr. Morgan expressed himself as very favorably impressed with Edwardsville. He thought it had the appearance of a growing and thrifty place. He also added that he found a good way to judge a town was by its newspapers.

The Postmaster.

Col. J. B. Parson's commission as postmaster is dated, we believe, Jan. 28, 1890, and he took charge of the office in March or April, after the confirmation and filing of bonds, etc. It will be seen that the time is drawing near, and it is no wonder that several of our Democratic citizens are in the anxious seat. The path of the would-be postmaster is not strewn with roses at present, but is quite rocky, not unlike the historical road to Jordan. But it will all be over in a few days or weeks and there will be only one winner and several losers. The former will be pleased and the others will tell how it all happened, etc., and the world will move right along. The candidates in Dwight known to have made an effort to serve Uncle Sam are John Thompson, B. A. Buck, Jas. Kelagher, J. A. Webster, John Baker and S. Eldredge. There may be others, but we have not heard of them. They are all good citizens and undoubtedly one of them will get the office.

That Dizzy Show.

Manager Romberger was away on business last week when Rosenthal's (alleged) comedians were in the opera house. It is due Mr. Romberger to say that the outfit came highly recommended to him by outsiders, but that he took no part in recommending them at all. The manager, W. A. Harold, attached Mr. Romberger's name to the handbills distributed without his permission or knowledge. It is putting it mildly to say that Chas. L. was on his dignity when he got home and found it out. It is also safe to say that if he had been in the opera house the curtain would have gone down and stayed. Mr. R. has been very careful as to the companies he books ever since the house opened.

Installations.

The installation of the Post and Corps will take place next Tuesday evening in G. A. R. hall. An invitation is extended to the Gardner Post and Corps the Sons of Veterans and the families of the members only. The hall is too small to accommodate all. The supper will be served in Sons of Veterans hall.

Brewster Better.

Ex-Postmaster Brewster, who was badly injured in Round Grove a couple of weeks ago, is gaining rapidly and will pull through.

Improvements.

It is, of course, generally known that as at present conducted, our water works are not paying the village anything, but on the contrary, when all expenses are paid and necessary repairs for each year, the balance is on the wrong side of the ledger. This fact has been appreciated by the members of the board all the time, but it was impossible to do anything by taxation for a time. At the last meeting the water committee was instructed to adopt measures looking to the erection of a standpipe, the extension of mains to all parts of the city and sinking one more well. The committee are busy at work and some plan will be formulated soon and the money will be raised. It may be a stock company and it may be by donations. There should be no trouble in raising the money and we don't think there will be.

With these improvements made there would be twice as many water takers as at present, at least, and the standpipe would do away with a night engineer, thus giving an income to the city of at least \$1,000.

The judiciary committee and D. B. Stevens were authorized to settle the sewer appeal case with J. A. Haise, if it can be done reasonably, and it should be.

Elevator Burned.

The Nevada elevator owned by D. B. Dow, and operated by Dow & Barr was completely burned last Tuesday. The fire was first seen by residents of that town about 10:30 p. m. There is no fire protection at all and about all that could be done was to watch it burn. The residents, however, saved the office across the street and kept the fire from spreading. The wind was so that the flames and brands were blown in the opposite direction from the village or there would have been no houses left now. We are informed that there were from fifteen to twenty thousand bushels of grain in the elevator, which was insured, the managers always taking that precaution. This was the only elevator near Nevada that was run in direct competition to Harvey & Co. We did not learn whether Mr. Dow will rebuild or not, or what the insurance was. The cause of the fire was unknown and may have been the work of tramps or from a spark from the branch freight.

Payne Farm.

The Payne farm was sold at public auction last Saturday in front of the post office in Dwight to Mr. Richards, of Streator, for \$62.50 per acre. The purchaser is a wealthy farmer, living near Streator, on a large farm, on which he has a coal shaft. It is said that he will sink wells on the Payne farm and if coal is found in paying quantities, a shaft will be sunk. This would undoubtedly reduce the price of fuel in the town and increase the trade of our merchants. It is however, very doubtful whether there is any paying quantities of coal near here. It is a noticeable fact that rich soil and large quantities of coal do not go together. If we have it, however, the sooner it is taken advantage of, the better.

Orange Blossoms.

Don't take it for granted that some one has got married until you read this. We were in receipt, this week, of a letter from L. D. Rutan, of Pomona, Cal., enclosing the price of the STAR AND HERALD and Weekly Inter Ocean for the new year, and also a small branch plucked from an orange tree. Pomona is situated in Southern California where snow is not known and blossoms of different varieties flourish the year around. The branch includes about sixteen buds about ready to blossom. If we were of an imaginary turn of mind as Colonel Sellers was we might keep warm without a fire after looking at them. Many thanks.

Shooting Match.

There will be a grand shooting tournament at Wilson, Ill., the 16th—next Tuesday. The target will be blue rocks and glass balls and a cordial invitation is extended to all. The sport will begin at 1:30 p. m., sharp, and the business is under the direction of Math. K. Mathisen and Jas. Maguire, which insures a good time to all.

Binding.

The SART and HERALD office is now ready to do all kinds of binding. If you have files of any paper or magazine that you wish to preserve we will bind it for you in any style, at a reasonable price and as cheap as anywhere.

For Sale.

A 5-room dwelling, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre lot, just outside of corporate limits. No city or sewer taxes. Address or call on D. F. CRABTTON, at postoffice.

Educational Column.

I announced last week that I thought I was through with information concerning the vacating order of the State Board of Health, but several questions have been sent me this week with a request for an answer through this column, and I open the subject once more to comply with the request. I wish to say here that in answering these questions I rely on the Statutes of Illinois, Filbury's Decisions and the instructions of the State Board of Health for my information in giving an opinion.

Q. Can teachers draw their wages without presenting certificate of successful vaccination since July 1, 1893?

A. If the Board of Directors have notified the teachers of the order and have required them to comply, they must, in order to draw their wages, present a certificate from a physician certifying that they have been successfully vaccinated within five years, or that they have a typical scar and are protected from small-pox.

Q. Do not teachers who fail to comply with the order of the Board of Directors break their contracts?

A. In my opinion they do, in the same manner as though they failed to obey any other legal regulation of the board.

Q. If there are any children in the school district who are properly vaccinated, may the directors be compelled to cause school to remain in session for their benefit?

A. The law makes it mandatory that directors provide at least 110 days school in the school year for pupils who desire to attend. If they fail to do so, they may be compelled by civil process to fulfill their duty as directors.

Q. Are both school directors and teachers held responsible for permitting any scholars to attend school without presenting evidence of successful vaccination?

A. The school board only is liable to the State Board of Health for failing to carry out the order. If the directors instruct the teacher to carry out their order, she is then answerable to them for such failure, and it does not excuse them from enforcing their regulation.

Q. Are school directors responsible for paying teachers their salaries when they are not properly vaccinated?

A. Directors may not legally issue an order for a teacher's wages till the teacher has complied with the rules and regulations of the board and the school contract.

Q. In failing to make their school in session 110 days, resulting in the loss of the State appropriation, would directors be responsible for such loss?

A. Paragraph 5 of Section 26 in Article V. of the school law makes it the plain duty of directors to maintain 110 days school in the school year. Section 10 of Article XV. provides that a fine of not less than \$200 be levied against any director failing to do his duty.

Since some directors have delayed or refused to carry out the order of the State Board of Health, the board has this week asked the superintending school officer to prepare a list of the directors who have not complied, and to view of property dealing with delinquent districts.

The clerk of Education of Pontiac, together with the other members of the board, have voted that it was right and proper that the order for vaccination be enforced, and that children without certificates of proper and successful vaccination be excluded from school.

What is right, legal and proper for the school board of the city of Pontiac or of Chicago to do in this matter, is equally legal and proper for each and every district in the State of Illinois.

Our township institutes are proving centers of educational interest. Those held at Newtown and Rooks Creek were attended by each teacher in the respective townships. All were prepared and well attended, and free and profitable discussions followed the presentation of each book. Teachers were present and showed much interest in the conduct of school matters in general.

Our next meeting occurs on Friday, January 12, at Cornell, and the topics for discussion are: "Primary Reading," "Reading in Intermediate Grades," "Mental Arithmetic," "Patric's Essentials," "School Government." One of the features of the day will be the discussion in charge of Miss Hamilton. This is designed to call up questions on all matters on which teachers need information, direction or encouragement. The institute proper will be in session from 9:30 to 2 o'clock. From 2 to 5 will occur a directors and patrons' meeting, to which all are cordially invited to come. The meetings set for next week are, also, in full view, and the day and hour have not yet been decided upon. It is our purpose to hold an institute in each town in the county.

Christmas Stories.

Christmas is coming and now very near. Santa will bring us nice presents and everything nice. Christmas is good and something every child has. I think we will get lots of candy this time. Do you like Christmas? I like Christmas very well. Christmas is the best of all holidays. We will have a nice Christmas this time. Don't you think so? We will get nuts and candy.

BESSIE CARTER.

Age 7, First Primary, First Grade.

Santa Claus' Christmas is Christ's birthday. Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a drum and a rabbit, a pony and a road cart, and a pair of sleigh-bells and three oranges.

HOWARD BOYER.

Age 7, First Grade Primary, West Side.

School Notes.

J. R. Oughton visited the school Tuesday.

Miss Bonnie Baker has been detained from school work by sickness.

Miss Addie Barr resumed her school duties Monday after a week's illness.

Ernest Seymour has been absent part of the week on account of sickness.

The Botany class wishes to thank Mr. Baker for the seeds he so kindly gave them.

Masters William and John Barth have resumed their school duties after several weeks of sickness.

The members of the botany class have started a hot bed for growing some small plants for use in class.

Messrs. Pettett and Miller, of the school board, were at school Tuesday and Wednesday. Come again gentlemen.

Miss Emma Barr has again returned to school, and reports her week of teaching as a very profitable and enjoyable.

Mrs. Mary E. Gould has been suffering from a very sore hand; she has not, however, been detained from her school work.

The East side Grammar Dept. is the proud possessor of a fine specimen of the screech owl, captured by the boys Tuesday morning.

The High School has received about \$40 worth of pyrric apparatus consisting of a Topley-Holtz Machine, an elec-

tric bell, to replace the one taken from the case. It seems very strange that everything has to be kept under lock and key.

There have been a number absent from the High School this week but we have been unable to learn the names or causes.

The Roll of Honor from Miss Hade's department is as follows: Silas Mickelson, Minnie Hatting, Mary Rosendall, Tommy Harding, Maggie Thornton.

Little Miss Clara Jensen and Thornton Prime have their names on the roll of honor from Mrs. Fisk's department, neither of them being absent or tardy during the term, beginning Sept. 1st, and ending with the holidays.

Readers, look through your libraries and if they contain any books marked "Dwight High School Library" on the fly-leaf, and on page 101, the letters "D. H. S. L." would you please to return such books to the library; there are now about fifty books missing.

At the beginning of the year we expected to have the largest graduating class ever sent out from the High School, but the changes in the course of study has interfered somewhat. Several of the members desire to stay another year and thus get two years of latin. The class will be about the usual size.

Installation at Gardner.

Quite a delegation from Dwight, including Messdames Howe, Austin, Wheatley and Roy Wheatley, visited Gardner Friday night and attended the installation ceremonies of Sedgwick Corps, W. R. C. It is putting it mildly to say they had a good time. They had a grand time and all came home vowing there was no better place to go or organization to visit than Gardner and her Relief Corps. The ladies composing the Corps are all entertainers and if their guests do not enjoy themselves its their own fault.

The installation ceremonies were conducted by Department Commander, Mrs. Emma R. Wallace, of Chicago, and she is well posted and performs her work nicely, and we doubt very much if there is a better drilled Corps in the state than Sedgwick, of Gardner. Their work was performed with great precision and grace.

The officers installed were as follows: Mrs. Francis Underwood, president; Mrs. Lydia Beam, senior vice; Miss Dora Banks, junior vice, Mrs. Mary Gallion, treasurer; Miss Lucy Banks, chaplain; Mrs. Maggie Gowey, conductor; Mrs. Emma Jeffers, guard, Mrs. Cora Crocker, assistant conductor; Mrs. Mary Eldred, assistant guard; Mrs. Carrie Root, secretary.

After the ceremony there was a very nice program gone through with, consisting of singing, recitations, etc., all exceedingly well done, and a few remarks made by Col. Lou Germain and W. G. Dustin. The president then announced a lunch and social time and abundance of both. The ladies of the Dwight Relief Corps then extended an invitation to the Post and Corps of Gardner to attend the installation here next Tuesday evening, and we understand quite a number will come.

Our Townsman.

The following circular, regarding an old and prominent resident of Dwight, explains itself and will be of interest to our readers:

Commencing January 1st, Mr. C. M. Baker, as superintendent of the Postal Telegraph-Cable company, will resume control of the construction and repairs of the western division proper, and will have full authority and jurisdiction over same. After that date, you will please communicate with him direct upon all matters pertaining to the repair and maintenance of outside lines of the company.

All requisitions for material and tools and all inventories of tools and material on hand should also be forwarded to him. All questions in reference to right-of-way matters, moving of poles, trimming of trees, or other changes or modifications in our lines, should be referred to him.

You will also please forward the monthly report of repairs, including salary and expense vouchers of line-men, to him for remittance, instead of sending to me, as has been the custom heretofore. At offices where the manager has paid the linemen, and taken credit for same on his report as a cash credit, such line report and vouchers should be sent to Mr. Baker, as instructed above, and not taken into the office account at all.

L. D. PARKER, Gen'l Supt.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kind assistance and sympathy in our late bereavement.

MR. AND MRS. J. P. CHASE AND FAMILY.