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WE MEET **Competition** EVERYWHERE!

And go one better for this season, as we have bought large stocks for all our Departments, for less money than we have ever been able to show Goods to our customers.

Special Announcement :

You are cordially invited to attend our great Money-Saving Sale on

Tuesday and Wednesday,
FEB. 27 & 28.

at which time we will offer at extremely low prices, the season's novelties in **WHITE GOODS, EMBROIDERIES, SUMMER DRESS GOODS, CHALLIES, SATINES, FINE GINGHAMS, DOTTED SWISS, PRINCESS DUCK, SILKS, LINENS, LAWN, PONGEES, PAMPAS CLOTH,** and a well selected stock of Fancy and Staple Dry Goods.

We will sell for these days only
The following well-known brands :

| FRUIT, LONSDALE, HILL'S and HOPE. | | |
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| Bleach Muslin. | | 7 Cents. |
| 5-4 " " | Pepperell. | 11 Cents. |
| 9-4 " " | " " | 19 Cents. |
| 10-4 " " | " " | 20 Cents. |
| 8-4 Unbleached | " " | 15 Cents. |
| 9-4 " " | " " | 16 Cents. |
| 10-4 " " | " " | 18 Cents. |
| Pepp. B | " " | 6 Cents. |
| Best Apron Gingham. | " " | 8 Cents. |
| Dress Gingham, | " " | 9 Cents. |
| Dress Prints, | " " | 5 Cents. |
| Light Shirting Prints. | " " | 4 Cents. |

We also make special low prices in our Tailoring Department for the next Ten Days. Suits to order from \$20 up. Pants, \$5 up. Made in first-class style.

MILLER BROTHERS, Dwight, Illinois.

Columbian Program.

The Methodist church was crowded last Monday evening with leaguers and their friends who had assembled to enjoy the Columbian program, which had been prepared by the Dwight chapter of the Epworth league, and none of those present were disappointed, for the entertainment was a collection of attractions. The entertainment opened with "America," by the entire audience, led by D. B. Stevens. Then Mrs. F. A. Haise opened the program proper with an excellent 10-minute paper on "Thoughts Suggested by the Fair," which was brim full of bright descriptions and word pictures, from which were drawn some deep lessons and grand thoughts. Miss Ella Pollard then rendered a piano solo, representing the great variety of charming (and otherwise) music of Midway. Then several members of the league stated were given five minutes each in which to discuss that subject which most impressed them while at the fair. L. A. Naffziger had "The Fair," "boiled down" to 5 minutes, and it is sufficient to state that Mr. N. is a good boiler. Miss Addie Baker gave a striking description of the German exhibit. Frank Haise talked on "Transportation," and his subject was handled in a most excellent style. "Illumination" was the subject of Miss Pauline Groll's interesting paper. Will Leach talked about the "Ferris Wheel." Mrs. Frank Bell read an interesting "Tale of 1893." "The Architecture of the Fair" was very ably described by J. P. McWilliams. The story of the Viking was told by Prof. Wilson. The Epworth gleec club rendered two very nice selections at M. S. Fannie Connor, assisted by Miss Minnie Lower and Messrs. Stevens and Fenn, rendered the beautiful song, "Mother," suggested by Housenden's great picture, "Breaking Home Ties." Miss Palmittier read selections from letters by men and women of note, and Miss Meliduff read Gilder's beautiful poem, "The Vanishing City." Then, after a liberal collection, the company adjourned.

Death of John Verdin.

Mr. John Verdin, who lived about four and a half miles southwest of Dwight, died at his home on the 5th inst., after an illness of only a few weeks. He had been a sufferer for some months with a cancer, which first appeared upon his right cheek and gradually spread over that side of his face. He suffered intense pain during the last few weeks of his life, knowing that he could not live long. Mr. Verdin was well known in Dwight and Odell, as he had lived for a number of years at the home from which death called him.

Goodfarm Correspondent.

We have secured the services of a very competent correspondent in Goodfarms and will have the news regularly from this time on.

K. of P. Anniversary.

The knights of Hebron lodge No. 175, K. of P., of this city, and visiting brothers, celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the order by gathering, with their families, in Lyceum hall last Monday night, to enjoy a festive occasion. The hall had been put in splendid condition, the floor skillfully waxed, and Prof. Evans and wife were on hand with violin and piano and discoursed enlivening strains of music, to which the assembled hosts quickly adjusted themselves. About thirty-five couples were present, and sociability, cordiality and enjoyment waxed supreme in all quarters. At 11 o'clock a halt was called in the merry making and all invited to seats, when they were served with a bountiful lunch, composed of a big basketful of Mrs. Reeb's doughnuts, various kinds of delicious cake, tropical fruits, and that rarest of all rarities—No. 1 good coffee. The cakes were prepared and baked by the wives of the knights, and we wish to say that there are cake makers and cake makers, but none half so good as those of Dwight. This town is surely the mecca of that art. After the refreshments were devoured and digested—no doubt about it—"tripping the light fantastic" was resumed, and was continued until the "wee sma' hours," when the last lingering swain reluctantly departed from the late scene of so much enjoyment.

The day, as an anniversary, was the reminder of a noted epoch in the history of secret, charitable and benevolent societies in America. Thirty years ago, in Columbus, Ohio, Past Supreme Chancellor Rathbone, since deceased, created and inaugurated the first lodge Knights of Pythias. Since that memorable event the order has swept the whole country from east to west and from north to south, each year adding to its rapidly swelling ranks the flower and power of our young manhood and the energy and wealth of its mighty numbers, until to-day it stands in the shadow of no organization greater than itself for charitable and benevolent purposes in America.

The annual report of Grand Chancellor Charles A. Barnes, of the jurisdiction of Illinois, for 1893, shows a total membership for this state of 33,737, with 407 active lodges, averaging 82.89 to each lodge. During the year sixty-eight new lodges were instituted. The progress of organizing new lodges has received a temporary check, attributed to the hard times, but the increase in membership in the established lodges is still going on.

Three weekly papers for \$2, Inter Ocean, N. Y. Tribune and your home paper.

Pleasant Birthday Party.

The pupils of the Dwight High School gave a very enjoyable social at the high school building, Thursday evening, Feb. 22, in honor of the day and to perpetuate the memory of the great and honored Father of His Country. For several years the young people have observed the day in some such fitting manner, but the affair this year out-did all former efforts. The crowd began to assemble about 7:30, and by 8 o'clock the several large rooms were crowded. The G. A. R. post marched to the building in a body and when they had all marched in, they gave three cheers for the Dwight Public Schools, and the boys and girls responded with three rousing cheers for the Veterans.

The real feature of the evening was the elegant lunch served to the hungry crowd by the pretty young ladies, in dainty Martha Washington costumes and powdered hair, and although the guests had to wade through a most bewildering conglomeration of queer names on the bill of fare, they all enjoyed the repast after their work. Another interesting feature was the cards worn by those present, each bearing in the form of a rebus or acrostic, some event in connection with the life of Washington.

The party broke up about 10 o'clock and every one departed, with words of praise for those who had the entertainment in charge. The school netted a profit of about \$25, which will be used in part for the purchase of a nice picture of him whose birth they met to celebrate.

Started for Chicago.

Last Tuesday, about noon, A. B. Conant drove into town and hitched his team in the M. E. church sheds, and went to superintend the loading of a couple of cars of hogs on the C. & A. He was gone several hours, and during his absence his team became frightened, broke loose, and started at full speed down Mason avenue east, turned west at Kepplinger's corner, and ran up Franklin street to Waupansie, again turning east, and on reaching the C. & A. tracks, started toward Chicago on the same. They were all right till they struck the long open bridge just north of the Seminole street crossing, for here they were caught, as they rushed onto it at full speed and, of course, went through and there they stuck until some thirty or forty men had assembled and pryed them out. Strange to say they were not injured in the least. Mr. Conant knew nothing of the affair till it was all over, and then it was too late to find the men who had thus saved his team, so he wishes to thank them all through the STAR AND HERALD.

Drunk and Disorderly.

Thursday morning a large crowd assembled to witness two very interesting cases, the village against two transgressors of the law. Three young men were brought up for drunk and disorderly, having made a disturbance in the Kepplinger building. The case was conducted by Attorney Ketcham, representing the prosecution, and Attorney Robert William Thompson for the defense, and it is but proper to state that Lawyer Thompson conducted his case in a remarkable manner and, for his first case, it surely was carried on in good shape. His plea was a good, sound argument from first to last, and although it did not have the desired effect on the jury, it did please the court, and in the language of one who heard the case, "Bro. Thompson is no slouch." Two of the defendants were fined \$10 and costs. The other one, which was set for Friday morning, was dismissed.

Chalmers-Burnham.

A happy wedding was that of Miss Anna Chalmers and John S. Burnham, at the residence of the bride's parents, at their happy home about four miles south of Dwight, at high noon, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1894, Rev. Ayling performing the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Chalmers, and the groom the son of Mr. Joseph S. Burnham. The newly married pair were neighbors, living only about two miles apart. We understand they will live on the Burnham farm, which has been rented to them. Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Burnham will remove to Dwight about March 1. The young couple have many friends in their neighborhood and also in Dwight who wish them much happiness and prosperity.

Society Address Cards.

We have now the finest sample book of designs for society address cards that has ever been issued. It contains emblems of every society organized. They are printed in beautiful colors and also in half tone. It will pay anyone thinking of getting society cards to call at this office. If five or more of any one society wish cards alike we can make them a reduced rate. The designs are elegant, much nicer than any book ever before issued. Call at this office or our agents for prices. In lots of five or more of one lodge we will furnish them 25 for 50 cents or 50 for \$1.

The DWIGHT STAR and HERALD is a bright star in the newspaper heavens—Fairbury Blade.

School Notes.

Jimmie your feet don't track. What do you think of our quartette? Mr. Clarence Rabe was a high school visitor Monday afternoon. Any one wishing to give anything towards the waste basket, will please hand it to the one appointed to collect it at once. About thirty of the high school pupils completely renovated their departments last Saturday, which looked much better this week. There were several committees at work this week to keep track of the workings of all branches; acting on three or four ourselves. Some of our young electricians put in an electric call bell running from the high school to the recitation rooms, and it is much better than the old desk bell. Several of the teachers and pupils clubbed together and bought a very pretty carpet for the high school rostrum. Which we might say was very much needed.

The committee appointed last week to interview the board concerning a holiday, Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, did so, and succeeded in getting their consent. The high school pupils spent the day very pleasantly arranging for the social.

This is the third time we have commemorated Washington's birthday, and why not with some of the proceeds purchase a picture of "The Father of his Country" as the school is entirely without one since someone had the misfortune to destroy the one we had.

Auction Sales.

Moritz Adams will sell 1 portable engine, 1 water tank, 1 wagon, 1 thrasher, at public sale at Lenore, LaSalle county, Saturday, Feb. 24.

McCarter Brothers will sell at public auction on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at their residence four miles south and one-half mile west of Dwight and seven miles west of Campus, mare with foal, bay horse coming 12, gray horse coming 9, gray horse coming 7, team coming 4, team coming 3, pony, 5 milch cows, heifer, and a good lot of farming implements, hay, harnesses and household goods.

Wm. Finley and Phillip Conway will sell at public auction Monday, Feb. 26, at the residence, one mile south and two miles east of Dwight, eight head of good horses, one brown, coming 8; 1 bay, 7; one bay mare 5; gray mare, 4; bay mare, 3; 1 bay mule, and driving team coming four years old. Fourteen head of cattle—5 milch cows, 5 heifers, 1 bull, 2 calves, and lots of good farming implement, harnesses, etc. Terms easy. Jesse Snyder, Auctioneer.

Political Notes.

Mr. Eckels, of Princeton, Bureau county, father of the young Comptroller of Currency at Washington, is being talked of for the democratic nomination for congress. The fight for congressional honors in this the 11th district, bids fair to be a hot one next fall. Even the democrats, with over 2000 majority the last election, acknowledge the republicans have a good, fighting chance of winning. Any republican who can carry the labor vote of LaSalle county can be elected.

The Independent Times, of Streator, announces Daniel Heenan as candidate for nomination to Congress by the democratic convention. Mr. Heenan is the senior member of the firm of D. Heenan & Co., of Streator, and at present one of the commissioners of the Joliet penitentiary by appointment of Gov. Altgeld.

It appears from the LaSalle county papers that about all the honors the democrats of this congressional district propose to give Livingston county, Gene Baker has captured already—the chairmanship of the district committee. The LaSalle county democrats are already flirting with Bureau county democrats, and scratching them on the back, and jollying each other up, so as to control the conventions. The democrats over that way should bear in mind, however, that Livingston county has some pretty sharp politicians, and to set down on them will be a great deal like setting down on a pin with the business end up.

Elections.

At the school election a president and two members for three years are to be elected.

At the township election the most important office to be filled is that of supervisor.

The offices to be filled at the corporation election are president, three members of the board and village clerk.

The school election comes on Saturday, April 17. These elections are all important, and none more so than the latter.

The first Tuesday in April the day of the town meeting, comes on April 6 this year, and the corporation election comes on Tuesday, April 20.

Won In New York.

Heather Lad won the first premium in the open class at the New York Bench show this week, and this undoubtedly settles the matter of Lad's being the finest Gordon setter in the world. The particulars we have not learned as yet, in regard to the other two dogs.