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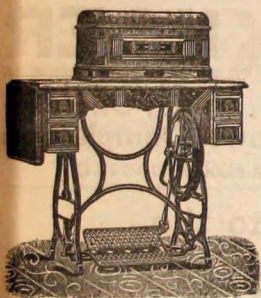
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### The Y Reception.

The reception, mention of which was made last week, was given at the Sons of Veteran's Hall, Friday evening, March 9. Twenty five young ladies and gentlemen were present from Odell and twice as many from the local society. The guests began to arrive at 8 o'clock. The first half hour was spent in introductions and social conversation after which the following program was rendered:

Prayer, Rev. C. W. Ayling.  
Address of Welcome, Rev. C. W. Ayling.  
Response, Miss Addie Barr, Pres. Dwight Union.  
Quartette, Misses Hunt, Odell, Emma Barr, Minnie Barr, Minnie Lower.  
Vocal Solo, Miss Chenoweth.  
Recitation, Miss Mabel Huey.  
Recitation, Miss Kattie Martin.  
Recitation, Miss Mary Field.  
Contra Solo, Miss Minnie Lower.  
Recitation, Miss Mary Field.  
Recitation, Miss Cora Adams.  
Quartette, Misses J. H. Monsey, Huey and Barr, Messrs. Naffziger and Fenn.

After the program several charming young ladies distributed among the company cards upon which were written conundrums and the answers to the same, the gentlemen receiving the cards upon which appeared the questions, the ladies being allotted the privilege of answering the questions propounded. This unique manner of arranging the company into congenial little groups proved a pleasing feature of the evening. One young gentleman in particular, in trying to learn "What animal falls from the clouds?" found the Hunt a most enjoyable one, and the fair maiden from Odell seemed pleased that she could give the Wright answer, to wit: "The rain dear" (reindeer).

After refreshments had been served, consisting of pickles, sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake, the conundrums were propounded and the answers, wise and otherwise, occasioned much merriment.

The remainder of the evening, until the departure of the guests for Odell, on the 11:15 train, was spent in games and social conversation.

The next social will be held at the home of the Misses Field on West Waupansie st., Friday evening, Mar 23.

The Dwight Y's are in the front rank in all matters pertaining to advanced thought, socially and politically except the mighty one of wielding the ballot, and it is whispered that there is a plan on foot to organize a club for the purpose of studying the current questions of political and social economy, as soon as a sufficient number of the active members have reached the age of twenty one. This plan certainly is a worthy one and should be carried out. This merely shows conclusively that the American girl is the peer of her brother in all the essentials of good citizenship.

### Coming Attractions.

Percy Denton's Model Modern Minstrels will perform in the Dwight Opera House on Wednesday evening next. The lovers of rich rare fun on the stage will be rewarded next Wednesday night, 21st inst.

"Dr. Bill" is the latest side-splitting comedy billed for Dwight. The company has the best lot of press notices we have seen, and promises a splendid evening's entertainment. Their date is Thursday, 29th.

### Report on Illinois Railroads.

Dwight C. Morgan, Consulting Engineer of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, has completed his report on the Railroads of the State, which is embodied in the Annual Report of the Commission for the year ending December 1, 1893.

We clip the following editorial from the Railway Age:

"The report made to the Railroad and Warehouse Commission of Illinois by the Consulting Engineer of the Board, an extract from which we publish in another column, shows in an instructive manner the very gratifying degree of progress in the matter of equipping the Railroads of the State with block signaling and interlocking systems. The sooner the time interval system, with its attendant ever-multiplying contingencies, unthought of until the occurrence of some fearful accident, is supplanted by devices from which the element of human fallibility is largely eliminated, the better it will be for the railways and the traveling public. It is not possible that the iron-clad rule in force in England should prevail here many years; but there are degrees of safety and the state of Illinois is to be congratulated upon having attained a few of them."

The Railroad Gazette, which also published the report, says that Mr. Morgan has done a good work for the state, making a general inspection of the physical condition of all the Railroads. With reference to the physical condition of the Railroads of the State, in conclusion Mr. Morgan says:

The continual change to higher standards of railroad construction, operation and maintenance, and the important improvements of various kinds which are almost daily coming into use, and which are availed of by the more prosperous companies, but cannot be by others, precludes establishing a standard of excellence common to all the railroads. Many important points in the construction, operation and maintenance of railways are open questions, which will require considerable time to demonstrate whether or not the present views in regard to certain standards can be sustained, but the ever active interest of the railroad companies to reach the best and safest methods combined with the most economical practices, must be mainly relied upon to determine what the wisest standards should be.

It is manifest, with the exception of those companies which are financially unable to do so, that all are striving to attain a higher standard in the maintenance of their properties, and where the companies have been able to expend money in improvements, it has been done. The very considerable improvements, and those most noticeable in the condition of the roads, are extensive ballasting, the substitution of heavier steel rails, replacing many of the wooden bridge structures with those of stone and iron, protecting grade crossings with approved interlocking devices and the installation of block systems; providing new and suitable buildings for conducting freight and passenger busi-

ness, and the higher character of the power and equipment.

There are many railroads in the State whose construction, equipment and maintenance are of the highest character. The great resources of Illinois, and its comparatively dense population, have stimulated railroad construction until our present mileage (ten thousand four hundred and twenty-seven miles), exceeds that of any State of the Union. Of this mileage all but about six per cent, is laid with steel rails; fifty per cent, of the total mileage is completely ballasted, and in addition thereto, a large per cent is partially ballasted.

Comparing the railroads of Illinois with those of adjoining and remote states, we are able to make the statement from personal observation and examination, that as a whole in their construction, equipment, maintenance and operation, they are fully equal in excellence to those of any other state in the Union.

### Heather Lad Wins Again.

Heather Lad, the champion Gordon Setter of Mr. John R. Oughton, of this place, has again demonstrated to his master that he is the best dog of his breed in America. During this week he has added to Chicago to his victories as first winner at the recent bench shows in New York, Columbus and Detroit. This splendid animal has excited the admiration of the visitors and received the encomiums and awards of the judges at all the bench shows in all the large cities since he first went on exhibition. He has made the complete rounds, and carried off first honors each time with ease. There are now no more important honors for Heather Lad to carry off this side the waters. Dwight Effie, a bitch pup, and also belonging to the Dwight Kennels, took first money at Chicago in the open class, and third in the pup class. Mr. Oughton is truly proud of his distinguished dogs.

### The First of the Season.

The Young Ladies' Choral Union of the Congregational church held the first ice cream festival of the season on Tuesday evening in the Congregational church. The attendance and receipts were very satisfactory, as the patrons enjoyed a pleasant evening and contributed some \$20 which will be applied on the organ fund. The cream and cake provided were very choice and were relished by the consumers, while the program of entertainment contained some very excellent numbers notably a humorous dialect selection by Miss Cora Adams. The musical numbers were all highly pleasing and reflect credit upon the participants.

### Your Summer Vacation

Will be well spent if you visit some of the delightful resorts in the Northwest located along the Wisconsin Central Lines, which are unsurpassed both for their scenic beauty and health-giving qualities. Convenient trails, good hotel accommodations and reasonable rates have made them popular.

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