

Dwight Star and Herald.

DEVOTED TO LOCAL AND COUNTY INTERESTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION.

VOL. XXIX.

DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILL., SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1894.

NO. 4

MILLER & BROTHERS,

We are leaders in DRY GOODS, CLOTHING and MERCHANT TAILORING.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 and 28,

will endeavor to have the TWO GRANDEST SPECIAL SALES DAYS we have had so far, as we will give SPECIAL DISCOUNTS in our MILLINERY DEPARTMENT, as we want the Ladies of Dwight and vicinity to make our store Headquarters, whether they wish to purchase or not. Come on in. Miss Barnum and her assistants will be delighted to show you their Elegant Line of Spring Styles—prices to suit the times. We will have on those two days our SPECIAL CARPET SALES. We are showing a large stock and the latest styles. Prices will be lower than ever before made here or any other place, as we want to sell these Carpets in Dwight and vicinity, and we know no house will or can undersell us. Also look at our WINDOW SHADES AND LACE CURTAINS. We will furnish Poles and Fixtures to anyone purchasing Lace Curtains from us. Do not fail to come in and look. We want to start on our Carpet and Curtain Department early this season. COME WITH THE CROWD.

MILLER BROTHERS, Dwight, Illinois,

Leaders in Dry Goods, Clothing and Merchant Tailoring.

WILL YOU PAPER

Your House this Spring?

If you do bear in mind that

C. M. BAKER

Has the largest and Finest Stock of

Wal! Paper and Decorations

in this section.

Also a large lot of Window Shades & Carpets

of all grades and varieties.

PAINTS AND OILS

at very Reasonable Prices.

My other lines of all kinds of handsome and durable Furniture, Fancy Articles, etc., etc., are complete in all details. Call before purchasing elsewhere.

C. M. BAKER, Dwight, Ill.

DR. NILS BERGMAN

Homœopathic
Physician and
Surgeon.

312 East Chippewa St.,

Next house to John Guardenier,

DWIGHT, ILL.

HOURS:—8 to 10 A. M.; 2 to 4 P. M.; Evenings.

MILTON PALM, M. D.,

Physician and Surgeon.

Three Doors West of old Presbyterian Church, DWIGHT, ILL.

Special attention given to Calls from the Country or City.

DR. C. H. BARR,

Physician and Surgeon,

Prompt attention given to Calls in City or Country.

Surgeon of Chicago and Alton R. R.

Office at Drug Store of Barr & Davis.
Residence. 215 Mazon Ave.

Sudden Calls.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF WILLIAM A. CHAMBERLAIN.

The sad death of the above gentleman was conveyed by a telegram to Wm. H. Ketcham, last Monday, shortly after death. It was the first intimation of anything wrong and of course was a great shock to the relatives in Dwight. The telegram announced that the remains would arrive in Dwight Wednesday noon. As near as we can find out the sad accident occurred about as follows: Mr. Chamberlain was conductor on a freight which run out of Horton and was near the end of the run. His train consisted of an emigrant car in front, several cars of coal and caboose. He had been up in front to take tickets in the emigrant car and instruct the passengers. The last ever seen of him alive was when he left the emigrant car to go back to the caboose. Mr. Chamberlain was not missed until the station was reached. An engine was immediately sent back and the remains were found and a chunk of coal near by. It is supposed that he jumped from one car to the other striking on a loose piece of coal and was thrown between the cars and at the mercy of the cruel wheels. The remains were immediately taken to the station and cared for and preparations made there for bringing them to Dwight. Notification of the family at Horton by telegraph and the consequent consternation and sadness almost unbearable, and the sad trip to the old home here, can be imagined. All was done that possibly could be for the family's comfort at Horton and a delegation of sympathetic ladies accompanied the family from Horton to Topeka, where they took the same train the remains were on the C. & R. I. R. R. The funeral party consisting of Mrs. Chamberlain, two children, John Smith and Conductor Fred Bassinger, of the R. I. road, arrived in Joliet Wednesday forenoon and were met there by Col. H. Fox, and Will H. Ketcham, and they arrived in Dwight on the noon train the same day. The remains were taken directly to the church and the party to W. H. Ketcham's residence. The funeral was held at M. E. church at 2 p. m., Rev. Ayling conducting the sad services. The funeral party arrived at the church about 2 o'clock and it was the first time the poor wife and little ones had seen the husband and father since he left his home well and full of hope and happiness. The scene was indeed heart-rending.

The M. E. church was filled with sympathetic friends. The choir sang several beautiful and appropriate selections and Rev. Ayling read the following obituary:

Wm. A. Chamberlain was born at Covington, Wyoming county, N. Y. Sept. 11, 1858, making him at the time of his death, 35 years, 6 months and 8 days old. His mother dying when he was 13 years old and his father when he was 16 years old, left him at an early age to do and struggle for himself. In January, 1877 he went to Gifford, Iowa, where he lived till November, 1879, when he came to Dwight where he lived till the spring of 1886, when he moved to Bloomington where he lived one year, then to Marion, Kas., moving to Horton, Kan., in the spring of 1889. He was married to Emma Ketcham September 6, 1882, who, with two children, M. C. and W. M., is in her 11th year, and William Frank, who is nearly 6, survive him. During the summer of 1880 he began working for the Chicago & Alton R. R. Co., which Co. he served in the capacity of freight and passenger brakeman and conductor till he moved to Marion in June 1887. After one and one-half years in the grocery business, he again began R. R. work in the employ of the R. I. Co., where he has been conductor for the last four years. He was the youngest of four children; the oldest, Mrs. J. C. Lewis, being laid to rest

nearly two years ago; one sister, Mrs. Frank Whiteman, lives at Port Huron, Mich., and the other sister, Mrs. Henry Fox, lives here at Dwight. To those who knew him, it is not necessary to tell of his kindness of heart and thoughtfulness of others comfort. As a devoted husband, loving father and brother, he will be sincerely mourned.

Mr. Ayling preached a very impressive sermon, full of kindness and consideration for the sorrowing ones. The remains were laid to rest in the family lot in Oak Lawn and were attended by a large number of people.

Among those from away who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whiteman, Port Huron, Mich.; Mrs. Geo. Hoover and Elmer, Chicago; John Smith, Kansas; J. J. Smith and Courtney Smith, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thompson and Miss Maud, of Pontiac, Conductor Fred Bassinger, Horton, Kansas.

We are informed that Mrs. Chamberlain will probably return to Horton, Kansas, soon and after settling up her business will return and reside in Dwight.

Mr. Chamberlain carried \$3000 insurance, which, while no compensation for death, will assist the widow in educating the little ones and adding to their prospects in future.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the O. of R. C., the officials of the C. R. I. & P. Ry., and the many kind friends in Horton and Dwight, who have so generously and tenderly assisted and comforted us in our sudden and overwhelming grief, we desire to return the warmest thanks of our grief-stricken and sorrow-burdened hearts, your many kindnesses will never, never be forgotten. May God's choicest blessings always rest upon you, and such sorrow never come to you and yours.

Mrs. W. A. CHAMBERLAIN
AND FAMILY.

The city was shocked when it was noised around early Saturday morning last that Mr. William E. Austin, one of the leading meat dealers, had expired very suddenly of heart failure. Mr. Austin had been in poor health for some time although he attended to his business with the assistance of his son up to the evening before death. The evening before he was out later than usual, probably 10:30 or 11, at his store talking with Swift's agent. It was the custom at home for the son and Mrs. Austin to rise early and prepare the morning meal. Mrs. Austin arose and in the interval following called Mr. Austin three times. Thinking something might be wrong she ran up stairs and found her husband in the agonies of death. Drs. Palm and Barr were sent for but it was too late and nothing could be done to save him. Mrs. Austin immediately notified the relatives in Maple Park, Ill., the former home, and arrangements were made so that a prayer and short services were held at the house at 2 o'clock Saturday, and the remains, accompanied by the widow and son, and a delegation from the Woodmen, left on the 4 o'clock train for Maple Park. The funeral was held there Sunday afternoon and was largely attended by old friends and acquaintances. Mr. Austin had been in business here for about three years and had lots of friends. He leaves a wife and one boy, about 18 years of age, who have the sympathy of all here.

DEATH OF HERMAN OVERBECK.

Herman Overbeck, a German who has been rooming at H. Jacobsen's for a long time, was found dead in bed Sunday morning at his daughter's home about distance in the country. The man was very old and the cause of his demise was probably old age and gradual decay. The funeral was held Tuesday.

CONDON'S NECK BROKEN.

We understand two brothers by the name of Condon, living in the township of Nevada, took hold of each other in a friendly way Saturday to wrestle. They became excited and one threw the other with such force as to break his neck. He died Wednesday.

Sudden Death of J. D. Rutan.

We clip the following from the Northern Vindicator, of Estherville, Iowa, of March 8, 1894.

This community was shocked to-day by the sad intelligence of the death of Mr. J. D. Rutan, the capable clerk of court in this county, which occurred this morning about 5 o'clock at his residence in Estherville. He had been alling for a few days with a cold and neuralgia in his head and face, but he was not incapacitated from his usual duties. He was in his office yesterday morning, but in the afternoon was taken much worse so that the attendance of a physician was necessary. He continued to grow worse through the night, and died of erysipelas and heart failure.

J. D. Rutan was 44 years old, having been born April 2, 1849. He was married at Round Grove, Livingston county, Ill., Sept. 28, 1869, and moved to Emmet county in 1879 where he has continued to reside. A heartbroken wife and three sorrowing children, Orpha, Tillie and Fred, survive him. His office he commenced operations Tuesday morning by purchasing 5000 bushels of oats. Mr. Meizer is a young man, evidently full of business vim, and has been engaged in the grain business all his life, and understands just what he is doing. He is a very pleasant gentleman and in the near future expects to locate here with his wife and mother. We take pleasure in bidding them welcome to our city and bespeak for him a share of the patronage.

Mr. Diffebaugh will do nothing but run for collector at present.

Important Transfer.

The elevator property, so long under the management of Jesse Diffebaugh, was transferred this week to Messrs. Edwin Meizer & Co., of Chicago, Ill., who commenced operations Tuesday morning by purchasing 5000 bushels of oats. Mr. Meizer is a young man, evidently full of business vim, and has been engaged in the grain business all his life, and understands just what he is doing. He is a very pleasant gentleman and in the near future expects to locate here with his wife and mother. We take pleasure in bidding them welcome to our city and bespeak for him a share of the patronage.

Pleasant Entertainment.

The usual monthly entertainment, the third Tuesday in each month, was duly celebrated at Sons of Veterans Hall Tuesday evening. After the regular meetings of the Corps, Post and Sons, they gathered at the above hall and some of the ladies of the Corps furnished all with very nice sandwiches and coffee, after which patriotic after lunch talks were listened to from Capt. O. F. Avery, of Pontiac, Col. J. B. Parsons, Col. J. C. Lewis, Capt. W. Brown, W. G. Dustin, G. A. Seymour, John Buffham, and also a pretty little recitation by little Miss Leach.

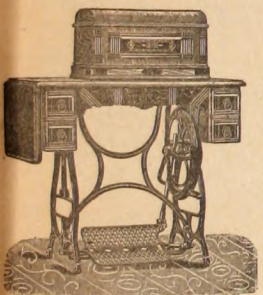
Capt. Avery gave a very good talk and told several of his laughable stories and caused lots of fun and good feeling. Commander Ayling was absent on account of sickness, which was greatly deplored.

Sewer Tax.

The second installment of sewer tax has all been paid but about \$480, which will be returned to Pontiac as delinquent. The amount delinquent on the first assessment was about \$828, thus will be seen that the second installment was paid more complete than the first.

Ketcham & Smith have a small drug stock for sale or trade.

The Seamstress



NEW Departure!

CASH, \$25.00
PRICE MONTHLY PAYMENTS, \$30.00.

Also carries a Full Line of Supplies!

including
Needles and Oil.

Call at C. M. BAKER'S Furniture Store.

J. M. Powell,
DWIGHT, ILL.

PATENTS

CAVEATS, TRADE MARKS, COPYRIGHTS.
CAN I OBTAIN A PATENT? For a prompt answer and an honest opinion, write to MUNN & CO., who have had nearly fifty years' experience in the patent business. Communications strictly confidential. A Handbook of Information concerning Patents and how to obtain them sent free. Also a catalogue of mechanical and scientific tools sent free.
Patents taken through Munn & Co. receive special notice in the Scientific American, and thus are brought widely before the public without cost to the inventor. This splendid paper, issued weekly, elegantly illustrated, has by far the largest circulation of any scientific work in the world. \$2 a year. Sample copies sent free.
Building Edition, monthly, \$2.50 a year. Single copies, 25 cents. Every number contains beautiful plates, in colors, and photographs of new houses, with plans, enabling builders to show the latest designs and secure contracts. Address: MUNN & CO., NEW YORK, 361 BROADWAY.