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The Second Game.

The second ball game of the season for the Dwight nine was played Monday afternoon at the park in Dwight, their opponents being the Fairbury club.

Base ball was born 48 years ago, dated June 19th. The pioneer game took place at Hoboken, N. J., and the score was so big that the men keeping tally gave it up and refused to count any runs under five in number. The game of base ball grew very slowly, and not until 1860 did it become in any wise popular, but the one-armed horse who insinuated that the Dwight nine must have played in that game, was badly off his feed in his prognostication, even if the score at Monday's game did run up like a Populist vote for constable in Kansas.

The toss up resulted in Dwight going to the bat while the Fairburries went to the field to ripen. Mickey Finnan stepped to the bat and hit the ball such a rattling, banging rap that all eyes involuntarily turned to town, thinking "Posey" Flagler was knocking down more bulletin boards. Mickey went to second, while "Bones" Thompson helped him along and went to first, to be followed by Ed. Reeb, "Duckey" Rabe and all the rest of the boys in 1, 2, 3 order until the Fairbury pitcher with his Waterbury movement got in his postal clerk delivery, and gave everybody but Durphy something and "Bones" got two, making nine runs for Dwight on first inning. The Fairburries in their inning, found two and then went out in the field to ripen some more.

In the second Walsh led off with a tally and was closely followed by J. Thompson and Snyder. Mickey got to first; Bones got a hot apple dumping and dropped it, Reeb and Ketcham getting bases, when Rabe and Durphy stabbed the atmosphere and died, but not like Julius Caesar. The Fairburries made five and quit.

In the third, Reeb tallied, while Ketcham went to first and in making for second ran so like a retired stage horse with warty degeneration of the epidemics that the ball won on an elongated neck and he retired to the water trough. Durphy and Walsh finished the side with a fat round pudding each to his credit. Fairbury went to the bat and fanned out so fast and so hard that the crowd, while warming up to the game, put sod in their pockets to make their clothing heavy, so they wouldn't take cold. The fourth was a repetition of the third as to results, while six and seven were uninteresting, but with big results, as the hen said when she hatched twelve chicks out of eleven eggs. At this point the band struck up "Marching through a slaughter house to an open grave," and the Fairburries listened to the music with that serenity of countenance equaled only by Bill Taylor, when reviewing the grounds where the circus was to have been held.

At the end of the eighth, the score on both sides looked like an outline drawing of a tray of cold potatoes, and the ninth was a face-simile copy to hang on the opposite wall. When Harris, of the visiting team, struck three times and Umpire Cronin called "out" with a voice like a hen with the croup, the game ended, the Dwight boys winning by a score of 23 to 17, and inscribing their first victory on their official score book. In a personal interview, each one said he didn't know it felt so good to feel so nice.

SECOND GAME WITH FORREST.

The Dwight boys played their return game with the Forrest boys at the latter place Thursday afternoon and succeeded in turning the tables by winning by a score of 14 to 6. The boys drove down and arrived home late in the night. Both nines played a good game, and our boys won simply on their merits. It is too late this week to give particulars.

The Forrest club will be in Dwight next Thursday and play the "rubber." Look out for an extra fine game.

THE SECOND NINE.

The second nine went to Odell Wednesday and beat the boys there 36 to 14. If the first nine had gone they would probably have been running the bases yet.

Molehill vs. Mountain.

The city fathers and the school fathers have locked horns over the laying of a new sidewalk on the east side of the school grounds. It seems that Street Commissioner Orr laid the sidewalk on the school grounds through a misunderstanding, and the school board didn't want their authority usurped in any such manner and requested the town board to remove it. Generally people are very thankful to get a new sidewalk, and do not kick about the exact location. But the whole business looks very foolish to outsiders, especially to let it become public talk. If either the school board didn't like it or the street and alley committee made a mistake they might have gotten together and settled it satisfactorily. It is one of those cases where a little matter of law or equity should be settled privately, and not resort to official communications over a trivial matter.

Kind of a Campfire.

The much talked of entertainment under the auspices of the Dwight Woman's Relief Corps, was given in the opera house, Monday evening and was quite well attended. The committee in charge had made arrangements for the appearance of Major R. H. Hendershot and son, supported by home talent.

The Hendershots bear a national reputation and are very good, entertaining. The senior is a great drummer and somewhat of a singer as well as a wit, and applies many of his songs and stories to the people of the town. This causes considerable laughter and fun. The son is a flier and confines himself to that part. The entertainment opened by a very pretty trio, the names of the participants in the affair being given in the program below. The prayer was patriotic and Rev. Ayling's introduction was very nice and created good humor.

Mrs. J. C. Lewis presided at the piano. The committee did nicely and brought about success, the order clearing about \$40. The Relief Corps wish to return their sincere thanks to everyone who so kindly assisted them. Following is the complete program, all the numbers being especially good.

1. Opening Selection, Lady Trio.
2. Prayer, Miss Huey and Misses Barr.
3. Recitation, "The Drummer Boy of the Rappahannock," Miss Adelle Fenn.
4. Introduction of Maj. Hendershot and Son, Commander G. A. R. Post.
5. "Marching Through Georgia," Major Hendershot and Son.
6. Piano Solo, Selected, Mrs. Conard.
7. Three Cheers, "Red, White and Blue," "Mocking Bird" and "Liberty Quilting."
8. Recitation, "Major Hendershot and Son," Miss Stella Bovik.
9. The Private's Favorite March, Major Hendershot and Son.
10. Drum Solo, Imitation and explanation of an engine on the great Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, pulling the finest, the most expensive and safest train of cars ever placed on wheels through the richest and best portions of Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Missouri, to Council Bluffs, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Paul and Minneapolis. This imitation is so natural that the audience will close their eyes, they will imagine there is an engine in the room.

11. Solo, "The Prince," Miss Mabel Huey.
12. Song, "Whoa Mule," Major R. H. Hendershot and chorus.
13. Solo, "Magnetite's Reply," Miss Adelle Fenn.
14. Instrumental Solo, Mrs. Conard.
15. Gen. Robert E. Lee's Favorite March, Major Hendershot and Son.
16. Solo, "Illinois," Rev. C. W. Ayling.
17. File Solo, J. C. Hendershot.
18. Imitation of a Battle, introducing the Picket firing, the Attack, the Rattle of Musketry, the Roar of Cannon, the Bursting of the Shell, and the Charge. This imitation of a battle is so real that the old soldiers in the audience who have had actual experience in one will rise to their feet and scream as if they had been ordered to charge again. The Major uses the Horse Grenade Drum in playing this piece. Maj. R. H. Hendershot.
19. Recitation, "Independence Bell," Miss Dora Banks.
20. Solo, Selected, Mrs. Howlett.
21. "Little Annie Rooney," "Good-Night Ladies," "Jump in the wagon and we will all take a Ride" Etc., Major R. H. Hendershot.
22. "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," Misses Huey and Barr, Messrs. Stevens and Bovik.
23. Thanks to the Audience, Chairman of Committee.
24. Closing Song, "Good-Night" Trio.

The Croaker.

May the saints have pity on a town or a city with a croaker in it! If it has two, three or a half dozen croakers living in it, it is to be commiserated that much more. The croaker comes in two forms—dead and alive. The croaker has moss on the north side of him no matter if the winter be mild or severe. This moss indicates nothing especially, except that he should be removed from the community at once. The croaker always views things from a pessimistic point of view. He has no word of praise for anyone or anything that tends to assist in the progress of the community. You tell a croaker that much is going to be done in booming the town and exploiting its superior advantages and he will say: "Well you go ahead—advertise it, boom it, I'd like to see you do it," with a shrug of the shoulder, "you'll never boom this town."—Ex.

Entertainment in Odell.

We are in receipt of complimentary tickets and bills announcing what we should consider a very pleasant and profitable entertainment, to be given in Buchanan's opera house in Odell, Monday evening, Aug. 20. The entertainment will begin, "College Life" exemplified by college songs, amusing anecdotes, and close with a laughable farce, "The Mouse Trap." There will be music by local talent and the Emington quartette. The entertainment will be good and probably quite a number from Dwight will go. Miss Anna Dunlop, of Dwight, will take part. Afterward the ladies of the M. E. church will serve refreshments.

Mrs. Romberger Home.

Mrs. Chas. L. Romberger, who has been very sick in Chicago, for the past two weeks, came home on the hummer, Wednesday evening. Mr. Romberger went after her in the morning and, although too weak to walk, she was taken to the depot, and carried to the car where she rested comfortably. Arriving at Dwight, she was carried to Mr. Ouchton's carriage and taken home. She is gaining rapidly and her many friends hope she may soon be among them again.

Death of H. W. Reed.

Mrs. Koehnlein received the sad intelligence by telegraph last Friday of the death of her son-in-law, H. W. Reed, at Los Angeles, Cal. In a letter from Miss Vernie Koehnlein received later it was learned that Mr. Reed was run over by the cars and his left leg injured so that amputation was necessary. It seems he was taken six miles on the train before medical service could be secured, and that the timorous shock caused death.

Mr. Reed was married to Miss Lillie Koehnlein five years ago December next and moved to California, where Mr. Reed was employed as conductor on a railroad. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his untimely taking away.

Miss Vernie Koehnlein went to California for her health and was with her sister at the time of the sad accident, death and funeral.

Mr. Reed was an excellent husband and father and the death is an awful blow to the family.

Harper's Pictorial History of the War.

We have been running an advertisement in the STAR AND HERALD regarding the above history but during this time only three people have taken advantage of the offer. Very few, we think, understand what the book is. It is just the size that Harper's Weekly was during the war, and contains portraits of all the generals and military men of note, pictures of important places and battle grounds from 1861 to 1865. Many of the illustrations are reproductions from Harper's Weekly during the war. All those who were old enough to remember those days remember the illustrations and how much they were sought for. The history of the war is the best we have ever read.

We feel satisfied that if our readers knew the exact value of the work there would be many of them who would take advantage of this offer. They only cost 35 cents a week for a number. There have been thirteen numbers issued and this week is the fourteenth.

A sample copy can be seen at this office.

New City Engineer.

At the last meeting of the Village board Dwight Mills sent in his resignation as city engineer, and Freeman Spencer was appointed in his stead.

Mr. Mills has held the position with satisfaction to the city for about two years, and we understand will accept a more lucrative position with the C. & A. railroad. Mr. Spencer has accepted the position of night engineer and understands the workings of the position.

The new well is finished and the new pumping outfit and connections will be put in by Eyer Bros., as soon as received. Joe Eyer informs us that the water comes within about twelve feet of the top, and that there is lots of it.

Change of Examination Date.

The teachers' examination for August will take place Friday and Saturday, Aug. 24 and 25, instead of Aug. 17 and 18. HENRY A. FOSTER, Co. Supt. Schools.

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Broke His Arm.

Dan McCarty had the misfortune to break his left arm last week on the Davis farm south of town. He was swinging on a horizontal bar and fell and broke the member. He is getting along as well as could be expected.

Called to Gaiva.

Rev. C. W. Ayling was called to Gaiva, Ill., Tuesday, to attend the funeral of Mr. Hathaway, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of that place. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Attention, Farmers.

Do not forget that James Williams is still in the grain business as usual, and will pay you the highest price for your oats. Call and see for yourself.

An exchange says: The town man thinks all a farmer does is to sit in the shade and watch things grow, while countryman thinks all the town man does is to stand behind the counter and rake in the money. This is the reason every farmer wants to move to town and many town men want to be farmers.

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