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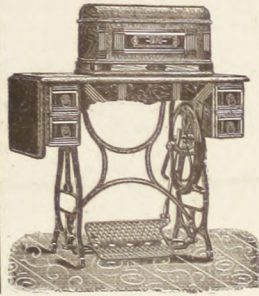
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#### Big Success

If the weather continues good the Woodman picnic next Friday will be the largest picnic ever held in these parts. The camps at Verona, Mazon, and Gardner are making extensive preparations and the Dwight camp at the meeting Tuesday night appointed necessary committees and arrangements will be complete. They wish to extend an invitation to all Dwight and neighborhood to be present and take part in the festivities. The Dwight camp will meet in the morning between 7 and 8 o'clock, at their hall in Mickelson's block with their families and baskets, where the carriages will start. Quite a number of Woodmen are employed by our merchants and it is very likely they will all be given a day off, as our merchants are very good about this. There will be swings and all kinds of sports, as given below, on the grounds.

The committees consists of the following gentlemen:

Dwight—John Leach, W. G. Dustin, N. Kundsén, W. H. Doty, Gardner—S. V. Allison, R. D. Fuller, Mazon—O. E. Davis, Wm. Piatt, O. B. Fuller.

Verona—J. F. Thorpe, G. C. Van Dursen, G. J. Fullingham.

Wm. Piatt is the committeeman on management of grounds with power to appoint as many assistants as needed.

Mr. Davis, of Mazon Camp, was appointed a committee to purchase all articles for the refreshment stand, with the following assistants from each of the other three camps: Fuller, Gardner; Fullingham, Verona; John Leach, Dwight.

It was agreed to give the following purses for sports, and S. V. Allison, of Gardner, elected chairman with power to appoint assistants:

Base ball, \$20; bicycle, men, \$2.50, ladies, \$2.50; foot race, first, \$2, second, \$1; sack race, \$2, \$1; fat men's race, \$2, \$1; boys' race, \$1, 50 cents; girls' race, \$1, 50 cents. Five to start. No entrance fee.

The ball game will be between the Dwight and Mazon clubs.

Wm. Piatt is president of the day; Harlon Preston, secretary and treasurer, and Joe Dondonville, marshal.

As far as can be obtained at present the program will be about as follows:

Sports commence at 10 a. m. sharp, with the exception of base ball; dinner at noon; speaking and program at 1:30; base ball at 3 p. m. We expect to have a more extended printed program distributed on the grounds.

No one should stay away on account of not belonging to the order of Woodmen. You will be just as welcome as if you did.

At the stand on the grounds will be sold coffee, all kinds of cool temperance drinks, sandwiches, ice cream, and everything desired at a picnic.

Everybody come.

Grand low rate excursion from Bloomington via the Big 4, Sept. 4, 1894, to Columbus, Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio. Rate, \$6 for the round trip. Good to return inside of thirty days.

Grand low rate excursion to Columbus, Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio, Tuesday, Sept. 4, via C. & A. and Bloomington, \$5.60, round trip. Return in 30 days.

Meeting of Cook Co. democracy, Peoria, Sept. 5, 1894. \$2.45 for the round trip.

Braceville to Pittsburg, Pa. and return, \$10.50, Sept. 8 and 9. S. H. Warner, agt.

#### Billiard Business.

It has been intimated recently that Geo. Keppinger has for some time been evading a village ordinance and the village board were at a loss to know how to reach him. The village ordinance forbids billiard or pool tables, but Mr. Keppinger bought a table and set it up in one of the rooms in his block, and formulated a plan. The boys around town, and some of the men, soon found out that Mr. K. had a billiard table and that they could use it by renting the room next to it for fifty cents per hour. The customers became numerous and the vacant room next to the one the table was in, was bringing in the stuff and Kepp's pocket book waxed fat. The room, if rented continually, would bring Mr. K. about \$4380.00 a year, which is pretty fair rent in a town that some old sore heads are pleased to call dead. Mr. Keppinger claimed he had a right to rent his room next to the billiard room, to whom and for what he could get, and probably he did. But as he rented some rooms in the same building for a week for not much more than he got for the one in question for an hour, it really looked as if there was a colored gentleman in the woodpile.

Last week summons were served on several people, and Mr. K. was arrested for violating an ordinance. The case was called before John Thompson, but the defense asked for a change and the case was taken before Judge Henry McLane, and the trial was held in the town house. The entertainment was largely attended, and the audience was well pleased, and would be gratified to have the play re-produced.

Geo. W. Patton, of Pontiac, conducted the defense, and succeeded in proving that black was white and that the moon was nothing but a green cheese. George convinced them that the room next to the one supposed to contain a billiard table was well worth \$4380 a year, and that the colored gentleman never saw a woodpile, and that there was not a billiard table this side of New York City. Also that the village has no ordinances and never did have, and that a public place must be cut on a prairie or a street where every one could see it. Mr. Patton had his persuasive eloquence with him—in fact he always does—and Mr. Keppinger walked out of the court room as pure as the driven snow and as free as the balmy breezes up where Mr. Patton soared. Mr. Keppinger will undoubtedly buy several billiard tables and continue to rent the next room to them for \$4,380 a year each, under the protecting tails of Mr. Patton's Prince Albert coat, at a good round sum for each protection.

Will Ketcham, for the village, made a plain statement of the facts to the jury and conducted the case ably, and should have won it hands down, but he didn't. He proved conclusively by witnesses that renting the room next to the billiard room was only a subterfuge, and that the real object was to play billiards, but it was decided the place was not a public place and Mr. K. was cleared on that ground practically.

While there is probably no harm in a game of billiards any more than numerous parlor games, public billiard halls generally lead to gambling and other things worse and become a nuisance in time. Of course there are exceptions, and some orderly and well conducted halls are run. But the present case has nothing to do with that. The village ordinance forbids billiard tables in public places and it was intended to mean where the game is played and paid for. Everyone knows that knows anything about it that the table rooming in the Keppinger block is simply an evasion of the law and it should be reached in some way.

The question of whether a licensed billiard hall would be a good or bad thing should not be taken into consideration at all. If the law is being broken the breaker ought to be reached in some way.

#### The Sewer Case.

A Goodfarm combination of farmers living north of Mr. Oughton's farm, known as the Hayes farm, have decided to protest against the sewer again, and Sam Stough, states attorney for Grundy county, has been employed as legal advisor. Injunction proceedings were commenced and the hearing set for last Monday at Kankakee. Attorney McIluff, Mayor Hayes and Alderman Baker went over and procured a continuance until to-day, when the case will be heard.

The new filter was finished Sunday night and the water was run through it, and came out pure. A bucket half full was taken up and not the least smell could be detected, and the water will undoubtedly be used in evidence. There seems to be no really good cause for the case being brought, and the people of Dwight have done all in their power, and to-day, with the filter in working order, the water below there is in better condition than ever it was. Before the sewer was built, the creek was a dumping place for vaults, dead hogs, horses, and all kinds of refuse, and there was no filter.

#### Chances Slipping Away.

Isn't it better to advertise now while thousands of dollars are being paid for grain in Dwight than to wait until all that is money is invested or spent in other places. The STAR AND HERALD does its best for Dwight at all times and under all circumstances, but if the merchants won't tell the people what they have new they must expect trade to go where they do advertise liberally and right. Hundreds of thousands of dollars can be added to the trade of Dwight if the merchants reached out for it in the right way. The STAR AND HERALD is the only newspaper published in this locality for \$1.25 a year. It is cheap, too cheap, but it reaches out among the people farther and farther every year, and the list has a healthy, constant growth, and in time will pay well at that price. Let our merchants, all of them, work on the same plan and we will guarantee it will work the same with them. The circulation of this paper now is one-half larger than any two weekly papers ever had in Dwight. We are perfectly willing to let the people draw their own conclusions as to the cause of success. But surely one potent reason is we have advertised it more than any local business in Dwight has been advertised, and are thereby reaching out into communities that do not trade in Dwight, but should.

#### The S. S. Picnic.

The Congregational S. S. picnic, held in Vickery's grove Thursday, was a very pleasant and most successful affair. The attendance was good and embraced those of all ages, from the toddling wee ones to the gray haired seniors. The provisions were most bountiful, comprising dainties, substantial and fruit of all varieties, which the children and all present did ample justice, while for once every one had all the lemonade he could drink, as a barrel full of excellent quality had been provided.

The children amused themselves with horse-back riding, swinging, etc., until called to participate in the games, which were as follows:

1. Sack race, prize, ball. Winner, George Kern.
2. Little girls' foot race, prize, pocket book. Winner, Cecilia Peterson.
3. Boys' potato race, prize, knife. Winner, August Nelson.
4. Four potato races by little girls prize in each case tablets. Winners Clara Doty, Birdie Leach, Louise Romberger, Anna Taylor.
5. Egg race, prize, workbasket. Winner, Clara de Clercq.
6. Two egg race, prize, large melon. Winner, Agnes Bush.
7. Pie race, prize, watermelon. Winner, Henry Peterson.

The day was perfect, and the committee in charge feel very grateful to Mr. F. Vickery for permitting them to use his very beautiful grove.

#### Cotillion Party.

The "Comus Cotillion Club" of Mazon will give a dancing party at the opera house in Mazon, on the same evening of the Woodmen's picnic, Friday, Sept. 7. They are making extensive preparations and have engaged Prof. Willis' orchestra, of Ottawa.

The committee in charge is: R. R. Stevens, F. W. Randall, Mitt Isham, O. B. Fuller, E. T. Viner, J. E. Hewitt, Eugene Isham, B. M. White, B. N. White, Erlan Fuller.

Reception Committee—Eugene Isham, F. M. White, Erlan Fuller. Floor Committee—F. E. Hewitt, O. B. Fuller, Mitt Isham.

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