

History of Dwight

FROM THE FIRST SETTLEMENT UP TO DATE.

1879-80.

By the then residents of Dwight the discussions and addresses during the winter of 1879 will probably never be forgotten. The entire community was aroused upon the question of temperance as never before. The persistent agitation of the temperance question which had been kept up for several months, and the new discovery of its right of the village to control the use of alcoholic stimulants as a result of the election on the prohibition Board, consisting of J. C. McWilliams president, J. C. Hrs of Thompson, A. McKay, J. Tierney and Spencer Eldredge. There was imposed the unnameable task of seeking to make Dwight a temperance town by the enactment and enforcement of a prohibition law. There was a general feeling that the dark night of drunkenness had disappeared and the day of prohibition dawned, and that it would be a long time before its sun would set.

J. G. S. Crowds elected clerk, but on moving to Dakotas, was succeeded by A. Strong. S. M. Witt received appointment of marshal, J. Ed. Keegan, treasurer and J. E. Day, son of that poundmaster. J. W. was made night police, and after a few months, compelled to resign on account of poor health, and was succeeded by E. Collins. Saloon keepers were officially notified that their licenses had, upon the organization of the new Board, expired and that they would not be renewed. A prohibitory ordinance was passed and duly published.

The year, it will be seen, was quite eventful. Mr. Manning Smith occupied the Slocum house. Fred Rhodes was successful in passing an examination in his legal studies preparatory to an admission to the bar. O. W. Pollard was elected president of the Red Ribbon Club and Albert Calkins secretary. D. McWilliams added a two-story bay window to the south side of his residence. Silas Adams was made conductor of the accommodation. Wm. Fox went to Lincoln to accept a position in the land office of Wm. Scully's agent. The Red Ribbon Club adopted a new constitution and by-laws. Rev. J. N. Hill was installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church. Rev. Rabe delivering the charge. W. H. Bradbury prepares the following poem for an entertainment given by the Reform Club:

In humanity's history and in our own lives we find there is something that always contrives
To pierce thro' our armor, in the clang of the day,
To sell us for nothing or "give us away."

When Satan beguiled our grandmother Eve,
And told a false tale "with intent to deceive,"
She looked to know secrets, like girls of our day,
And thus curiosity "gave her away."

When Ahol's success roused the anger of Cain,
(No chance had poor Ahol to rise and explain)
The murderer's hand was uplifted to slay,
And thus passionate jealousy "gave him away."

King Pharaoh was greedy of slaves and power
Just as the South was and is to this hour.
But the water, went back on him one fatal day,
'Twas the avarice of tyrants that "gave him away."

The noble and valiant had each their bugler—
Cleopatra for Anthony—for Sampson Dellah;
Aspasia for Pericles—all fell a prey
To the sweet snares of beauty that "gave them away."

The Romans who conquered almost the known world,
From the top peak of fame to the bottom were hurled,
Refinement and luxury with them had full sway,
But intolent luxury "gave them away."

The Greeks and Egyptians, Assyrians and Jews,
The great Arabian raris and ancient Hindus,
Once proud in their might, now are prone to decay;
'Twas the death of their virtues that "gave them away."

But amongst our own folks: That young fellow there
Is smart and good looking, and got up with care.
He is putting on style—just mark the display!
For pride and conceit join to "give him away."

That young woman, too—(young lady I mean)—
Is pretty—she knows it and likes to be seen;
She dresses and powders, looks smiling and gay,
Alas! 'tis her vanity that "gives her away."

The business man also, is greedy of gain,
And nothing attracts that does not contain
A dime or a dollar, or a promise to pay.
We know it is avarice that "gives him away."

The loafers we see are the other extreme;
They lounge about town or sit still in a dream,
With cigars in their mouths every hour in the day,
'Tis tobacco and laziness "gives them away."

But the chief of all causes productive of ill,
Is the drinking of liquors that ruins and kills.
We may do what we please, or deliberate as we may,
Yet whiskey's the worst thing to give us away.

And now my few verses approach termination;
They have not come up to my own expectation;
But I shall feel satisfied if you'll only say,
That they are not so bad as to "give me away."

On Sunday morning, June 8th, a great fire occurred, destroying Diefenbach & Co.'s elevator and every building from Hertzels corner on East street to Miller Bros. brick building. It originated back of McKay's harness shop, but how remains a mystery. The total loss was put at \$43,350. George Keppelinger started a new foundry. Fred Rhodes accepted a position in the freight office of the C. & C. railroad,

Pueblo, Col. Fourth of July was celebrated; S. T. K. Prime, elected as president of the day, Rev. J. N. Hill delivered an oration on Francis Carey read a poem, which here reproduced:

Let the flags unfurl to the breezes fly:
This America's grand Fourth of July:
Birthdays of a nation great and free,
Rooted in the soil of liberty.

Let the hosannas of joy from east to west—
From the Caledon and land of the west:
United in song and the south their homage pay.
We honor this glorious day.

Let the songs of wealth and men of toil,
And their homes on this fair soil,
Join in the freedom our fathers gave,
And know no master and no slave.

Such joy can find only words employ
To fully tell a nation's joy
For every meet this day to celebrate
In every hamlet, town and State.

With flags and drums and cannon's roar,
The crowds collect from shops to store,
With waving bells and merry shout
The day's ring in and day's rung out.

And throngs have met in other lands,
From Britain's Isle to Africa's sands,
To tell their friends round all the earth
Their love for this land of home and birth.

And children's children in their day
Will join as now their love to pay
To those who'er for freedom fought,
And untold blessings which it brought.

Thus we may prize what to us is given,
Best, freest land this side of heaven.
Our homage with our thanks arise
Like sweetest incense to the skies.

On the same day the Presbyterians gave a festival and the people were favored with a presentation of "Pinafore" Rev. Rogers preached his farewell sermon. The Good Templars gave a lawn social on the grounds of J. G. Strong. The Pinafore Company visited Odell and Pontiac upon invitation to do so from leading citizens of those places. Miss Mate Magee was invited to a position in a store in Joliet. Frank Chester returned from a visit to New York. Jasper Phillips sold his farm and moved to Nebraska. Leander Morgan made a visit to New York to greet the friends of his youth. Wm. Estes sold his stock of hardware to J. W. Strevel. Howard Saulson, Edward Adams, Thos. Mellduff and Harry Diefenbach attended school at Champaign University. A. McKay occupied a new brick harness shop. S. W. Strong and L. G. Pearre formed a law partnership. The ladies of the M. E. Church gave a harvest home supper. Dr. Keeley improving the occasion by tendering a banquet to the members of the Pinafore Company. J. H. Baker & Son, Miss Lizzie Burger and Thos. Liddicott took possession of new brick stores erected on the burnt district on East Street. Rev. Dr. Hartley accepts a call to the pastorate of the Congregational church. Rev. B. F. Tallman is returned as pastor of the M. E. church. Misses Stella and Mary Dow left for a home in Cedar Falls, Iowa. An attempt was made to burglarize the house of J. Christian. A lyceum course was arranged, consisting of ten or more entertainments. Mrs. T. M. Wright returned from a visit to Pennsylvania. D. G. Henshaw, night operator, moved to Streator. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Witt celebrated their fifteenth marriage anniversary and were made the recipients of numerous presents. Alfred Miller purchased the dwelling of Dr. Keeley. J. C. Hertzels brick stores are completed. N. Mickelson occupying the one on the north and E. M. Merrill the one on the south. Francis Carey bought a residence of A. E. Gould. Rev. Dr. C. Hartley delivers a series of lectures. J. C. Hertzel opened a new bank. J. I. Dunlop died of consumption. He was a man of good natural talent, a lawyer of no mean abilities, and had been favored with early educational advantages, would have risen to a place among the most eminent of the legal profession. His death was regretted by many. Rolla Calkins accepted a position with Maxwell & Co., Bloomington. W. H. Bradbury left, after a residence of several years, for his new home at Topeka, Kansas. His pen was a potent force for good and his place has never been filled in this community. A banquet was given in his honor by the County Bar Association. James Dunlop obtained a clerkship in a store at Eddyville, Iowa. S. T. K. Prime commenced his valuable book entitled "The Model Farmer and Their Methods," doing the work principally in Chicago. Joseph Baker entered the employ of D. McWilliams & Co. The marriages of Mr. Frederick Gillispie and Miss Nellie A. Lees, and Mr. Michael Kime and Miss Eliza Schumm were reported. The fortieth birthday of L. G. Pearre was celebrated. William Ketcham celebrated his nineteenth birthday and Misses Emma and Nettie presented him with a gold watch chain. Wm. Stitt moved to Kansas. Mr. B. C. Sinclair and Miss Melinda Lee were married. The Dwight-Chenoa Mining Company was organized. Leander Morgan celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday. Eugene Baker moved to Chatsworth. This gentleman for a number of years took an active part in village affairs and his removal was much regretted by the citizens.

1880-81.

The friends of temperance had a strong desire to try, at least for another year, the plan of prohibiting the sale of liquors. If all had not been accomplished that was expected in demonstrating the practicability of prohibition, yet it was reasonable to hope more could be done in the year to come. One short year, it was urged, was not a fair trial of this method of dealing with the

liquor traffic. The license party on the other hand, argued that as under every prohibition administration a good deal of liquor had been sold clandestinely in spite of all the efforts of the village officials, to prevent the same, it were far better to license saloons outright and secure thereby a handsome revenue that could be used in building sidewalks, in paying the salary of a marshal, the cost of litigation and the usual expenses of a well regulated municipality. Both parties made every possible exertion to win and much rancor and bitterness entered into the contest. As was the case the year previous, many of the ladies became deeply interested and on the day of the election took possession of the fire engine room, where free lunches were furnished till near the time of closing the polls. The canvass of the votes showed that Henry Fox, president, John Geis, Wm. Douglas, Geo. Z. Flagler, Orrin Gould and Wm. Walker, trustees—the candidates of the license party—had been elected. Of all the defeats experienced by the friends of prohibition this one was the most disappointing and galling. A large audience gathered at the appointed time and place. Several addresses were made, the aim of which was to reconcile the afflicted to the situation of affairs till the new year should close, and to encourage them to hope that by a patient and preserving use of proper means their day of triumph would surely return.

O. W. Pollard made a sarcastic arraignment of the liquor traffic and indicated how Dwight, by licensing saloons, was to become responsible for a share of its baneful effects by ironically suggesting a series of open letters to be authorized, properly signed and published by the incoming Board as representing a majority of the voters of the village.

1881-82.

The work of creating a temperance sentiment in a community where the liquor traffic has been legalized for years sufficiently strong to warrant success in an attempt to enforce a prohibitory law, is one that requires time, patience and perseverance. The first efforts, as the experience of every locality where a temperance reform on this line has been attempted shows, will probably fail. There were four trustees to be elected—one more than there would have been had not Mr. Wm. Douglas changed his residence. Two of the old license board, Henry Fox and John Geis, held over in accordance with the provisions of a new State law. O. W. Pollard, DeWitt Scutt, Henry Eldredge and James B. Parsons were the successful prohibition candidates, receiving an average majority of 38 votes. C. J. Judd, on the same ticket, was elected clerk. The new Board organized by making O. W. Pollard its president. S. M. Witt was appointed marshal and E. Collins night operator. David McWilliams offering to perform the duties of treasurer and allow the village one-tenth of one percent on all disbursements for the privilege, was appointed to this office.

The M. E. church built a new parsonage, opposite the residence of O. W. Pollard, on Prairie Avenue. S. T. K. Prime established his Crop Bureau in Dwight. M. Kern opened a grocery on West Side. Miss Mary Dow took charge of Prime Academy. The Commencement week of the High school was made unusually interesting. Rev. G. Huyser lectured on Sunday evening and Dr. Adams on Tuesday evening; on class day an original poem was read by Miss Edith Kneeland; the graduate's program consisted of an essay on "The Difficulties of Life," by Anna Baker, an oration on "Thrift," by John P. McWilliams, an essay on "The Good and the Beautiful," by Alice Rattenbury, an oration on "Labor the Basis of all True Progress," by Fred Wood, an essay on "After Many Days," by Alice Paul, an oration by Edith Kneeland on "Student's Privilege," and an address and presentation of diplomas by Prof. Hubbard. Miss Kneeland's class day poem, written in view of a tree planting ceremony, is reproduced:

May these young roots grow deep and wide,
These branches spread on every side,
And year by year the perfect stem
Still higher lift its diadem.

Here future birds on airy wing
Shall build their summer nests and sing;
Sunbeam and shadow play "till day and gloom"
Thro' the summer day—tho' the summer week,
While soft June breezes shall fan their play,
And romp thro' the foliage the living day.

Not always, not always, the sunbeam warm
Shall smile on these branches—in the cruel storm
Of the lonely night they shall writhe and twist,
These boughs shall be drenched in the winter's mist;
December's cold morning low
Thro' branches banded with ice and snow.

But where is the prophet, whose words shall need
Not fail?
The burdens of sorrow, and the treasures of wealth,
Which the restless years in their flight shall bring
To this young group?
They shall go as others have gone before
In youth, in mid-life and gray forehead;
Some struggle with grief, some rise unto fame,
Some be loaded with honors, some die without name.

When fifty or two years are past,
And the one or two who linger last,
With cheeks where time has laid his finger,
With heads where all the winters linger,
With tremulous hands and footsteps slow
Among life's early scenes shall go.

They will come to this memorial tree
And perhaps may remember you or me—
The eyes may be dim, but this group shall seem
As it stands to-day in this spring-time scene,
(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Close on Sunday.

We, the undersigned, proprietors of barber shops, each in business in the Village of Dwight, do hereby agree, each and all of us with the other, to close our barber shops and bath rooms on each and every first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, hereafter, and we further agree, should any one of us violate the above agreement, by opening our shops, either for shaving, or bathing purposes, should we shave any person on any Sunday hereafter, except a person who is sick or dead, within the Village of Dwight, the person so violating this agreement, agrees with the others, that he will forfeit the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), the same to be collected by suit, if necessary, and to pay all costs of said suit, said sum to be equally divided between those not violating this agreement. We do hereby further agree that we will make no defense other than that we are not guilty of violating this agreement. This agreement to continue so long as any one of us, or all of us, are in business within the Village of Dwight.

A. J. DIFENBACH,
ED. REEB,
WILLIAM ROEDER,
A. W. MORRIS,
ANTON DIFENBACH.
Dwight, Ill., Oct. 2, 1894.

Kohl & Kiddleton's famous Dime Museum in Chicago—the Clark street and the State Street Globe, the latter is located near the corner of Van Buren, will begin their regular fall and winter seasons, newly decorated and elaborately furnished, each house being seated with costly upholstered opera chairs of the most modern style. At the Clark street museum for the week beginning Oct. 1st, there will be an exhibition the greatest wonder of the century, Manard's bullet-proof coat, which has already set all England and Continental Europe agog, and which is destined to revolutionize modern warfare. The Globe museum also offers a fair bill, the principal feature of which will be Bonner, the wonderful talking horse; Prof. Hutchinson, the human pin-cushion and the Royal Korean family, from that now famed Oriental Kingdom.

David McWilliams arrived home from his visit to Maine last Saturday, having improved much in health and enjoyed a pleasant visit. He was there election day, and says the town he visited usually went about thirty democratic, but this year went over a hundred republican. He considers this a fair sample of what will take place in the east.

Rev. Aying, in giving an outline of the work of the recent M. E. conference, said among other things, that David McWilliams had given \$10,000 to the church extension fund. This was the largest contribution, and very creditable to our popular townsman. It is an honor to any place to have such liberal citizens.

Mrs. C. H. Taintoe, of Chicago, presented the cause of the Congregational Church building Society with great eloquence and power last Sunday morning. She is an easy and an entertaining speaker and feels keenly the importance of the cause which she so ably represents. She spoke in Odell in the evening.

James B. Austin left for his home in Nebraska, Thursday morning, after a three weeks' stay here. While Jim likes his new home pretty well, he always has a good word for Dwight, and we believe away down in his heart he likes to come back. He and his family will always be welcome.

Mrs. Morris, of Chicago, who has been visiting her children in Dwight and Washington for the past three months, will return to Chicago tomorrow, where she makes her home with her son James. Mrs. Morris' health is excellent and she enjoys her visits to the children greatly.

The Sons of Veterans will give their annual ball on Thursday evening, Oct. 18. The committee is making extensive arrangements, and the ladies of the W. R. C. will give their annual supper the same evening, commencing at 5:30 p. m. and lasting until midnight.

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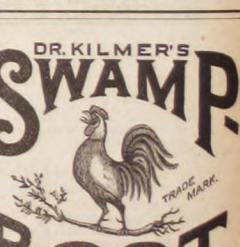
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