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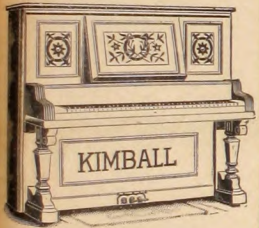
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### HORRIBLE DEATH.

The Wheels of a Chicago & Alton Freight Train Crush Out the Life of Thomas Comeford.

About ten minutes before 7 o'clock Thursday evening Thos. Comeford was killed at the Chippewa crossing of the Chicago & Alton railroad. The local freight, several hours behind time, was switching in the yards, and the engine and a few freight cars were hauled north just across the crossing. Mr. Comeford's team and wagon were standing over near B. A. Buck's store. As the train pulled across he undoubtedly thought he had plenty of time to cross and drove forward. When upon the track the train began to move backward, south, and after the horses had cleared the track and before the wagon got off it was struck by the end of a freight car. The milk wagon was crushed and pushed along the track and Mr. Comeford fell out and, from all appearance, struck between the rails, his head being on the track, and was struck by one of the wheels. The train stopped and the body was taken from under the car, but a terrible gash was cut in his head and his lungs and abdomen crushed under the brake beam, and death must have been instantaneous.

There are conflicting reports regarding the terrible accident, and as the darkness was intense it was impossible for anyone to see exactly how it happened. The electric light at the crossing was not burning, and Al Boyer, who was near by, says one brakeman hollered to Mr. Comeford to come ahead and at the same time another brakeman signaled the engineer to back up.

There were several at or near the crossing at the time, and all seemed to be hollering at the same time, Mr. Comeford probably could not understand what they said and drove ahead to his death. There is no protection at any of the crossings in Dwight, either by gate or watchman, and the only wonder is that such accidents are not more frequent here. The STAR AND HERALD has repeatedly called attention to these facts.

Thomas Comeford has resided in Dwight and vicinity for many years, and was at the time of his death conducting the large farm of J. R. Oughton, known as the Hahn farm. He had a large dairy business. He was an old soldier, having served in the 53d Illinois regiment for four years, spending several months in rebel prisons. Tommy, as he was familiarly called, was a jovial person, always having a good-natured word for all, and he knew everybody and everybody knew him and welcomed him in his daily trips to many homes with his milk wagon. He will be greatly missed.

He leaves a devoted wife and . . . children, three of them grown, to mourn his untimely fate. He was an inveterate worker, a faithful husband and father, and this community extends sympathy to the bereaved family, one and all.

#### THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Thomas Comeford will be held at the Catholic church this (Saturday) morning, at 10 o'clock. The G. A. R. post will have charge of the burial after the services at the church.

#### G. A. R. MEMBERS.

Commander Ayling wishes every member of the Dwight Post to meet at their hall at 9:30 this (Saturday) morning to attend the funeral of their diseased comrade, Thomas Comeford.

Capt. Brown requests the same of the S. of V's to meet at the same time and place for the same purpose.

### "All Things Are Ready."

After a great deal of hard work and a good outlay of money the Illini Club have completed arrangements for their lecture course this winter and the tickets are now on sale at the remarkably low price of one dollar for the season, which means five of the best lectures ever brought to Dwight. The price of admission to the pupils of the public school will be 75 cents for the five entertainments. This reduction is made to enable every young person in Dwight to avail himself of this splendid treat.

Following is the list of speakers with date of each lecture: Major R. W. McClaughry will open the course with his wonderful lecture, "Crime and Criminals." No person who has ever heard Maj. McClaughry will miss this lecture, and those who have not heard it will be glad of this splendid opportunity. The date is Thursday, Nov. 8.

The second lecture, by C. N. Thomas, on "Travels in Italy," is something very fine. Mr. Thomas comes highly recommended by senator Gear, and Gov. Jackson, of Iowa. He is a journalist, and has had the advantages of the best schools of this and the old world, spent three years in Italy, and has written much for the press of his native city, Burlington, Iowa. Mr. Thomas comes Nov. 19.

Dec. 13, Dr. Frank W. Merrill, of Rock Island, in his popular lecture on "Dreams and Dreamers." Everybody here knows Rev. Merrill, and no one who knows him will miss his lecture. He is remembered by us all as a man of remarkable ability as a preacher, and no one was surprised when he was called from here to take the best charge in the conference. Mr. Merrill is a favorite wherever he goes and has no mean place among writers, being a frequent contributor to the leading religious and educational journals of the country. He sent no credentials; we did not need them.

Jan. 4, James Clement Ambrose on "The Fool in Politics." Mr. Ambrose is a journalist and lecturer of national reputation, and comes endorsed by such men as Chaplain McCabe. For a number of years he has been one of the attractions at the Chautauqua assemblies and other large literary and educational gatherings. His two great lectures, "The Fool in Politics" and "Tom and Jerry," always meeting with wonderful success.

The course will close with "Life's Practical Workshop," a grand lecture on a practical topic, by Sam'l M. Inglis, the Republican candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Inglis is a speaker as well as a thinker and a worker, having for a number of years at the head of the department of elocution, rhetoric and literature in the southern normal college at Carbondale, Ill. His lecture is full of sound sense, brilliant wit and stirring oratory; the date has not yet been fixed but will be set for the latter part of January.

This completes the list, and we feel assured that it can meet with nothing but hearty approval from all. This is not a money making scheme, the proceeds will be used in furnishing lectures, concerts, etc., of the very highest order, in the future. The club has met with encouragement and assistance on every hand, and they desire to merit as hearty support in the future. Let everybody plan to patronize this first lecture course. Let us each thus wisely invest one dollar and enjoy it all winter.

Tickets are now on sale at Sey-

mour's drug store, Kalegher's bargain store or the STAR AND HERALD office. School children will secure their tickets of J. H. Meneely.

#### School Notes.

How about the foot-ball?

Nature did not intend that the boy should have a bow in his back.

The second year Algebra class, has been divided. It is expected that the work will be done thoroughly.

President Brubaker made the high school and grammar department a pleasant call last Wednesday. Come again.

An interesting program will be given by the members of the high school and eighth grade next Friday afternoon, Oct. 26.

In what way can the money in the school treasurer be expended to secure the most benefit to the school? We should like to hear from each member.

#### Ten Years.

Ten years ago last Monday, Oct. 15, 1884, Miss Paul and Wm. T. Prime were united in marriage. Some of the friends of the popular couple happened to think of the happy occasion last week and decided to surprise them and take possession of their residence and have a good time. It was also the "tin wedding time." Accordingly about twenty friends proceeded to the residence about 8 p. m., each one with something made of tin, and also oysters and a liberal supply of good things to eat. Mr. and Mrs. Prime would have been terribly surprised if someone hadn't told them during the day, and "Oujja" said it was "Grandpa" told it.

A very pleasant evening was spent in social conversation and games in which "Oujja" took a prominent part, giving lots of things away.

A very nice supper was served about 11 o'clock, shortly after which the party took their departure wishing Mr. and Mrs. Prime many happy returns of the occasion.

#### Election Notices Posted

The election notices have been posted to take place Nov. 6. All voters living east of the Alton railroad will vote at the town house and those on the other side at the store building corner Prairie avenue and Delaware street. Don't forget the place.

#### G. A. R. Campfire.

At the last meeting of the Dwight Post G. A. R. a committee was appointed to get up a grand campfire—such a one as the Dwight people never have seen. The committee is as follows: Commander Ayling, Comrades Huey, Weldon and Williams. Department commander McDowell will be present with some of his staff, and a very pressing invitation will be sent to National Commander Thos. G. Lawler, of Rockford, Ill., Maj Jack Burst, of Sycamore, quartermaster, and Col. Cash Jones, of Rockford, adjutant general, and they will probably come. Dwight has never had a good old fashioned, genuine campfire and Commander Ayling intends making this what the boys would call a hummer. It will probably be held about the middle of next month, in the opera house and several neighboring posts will be invited to participate.

#### Walter Reeves at Odell.

The republican candidate for congress from this district, Hon. Walter Reeves, of Streator, will speak in Odell next Wednesday evening. Mr. Scoulan, of Chicago, will also be present and address the meeting. Everyone invited to attend.

#### Reeves at Dwight.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 30, the republican candidate for congress from the eleventh district will speak at the opera house in Dwight. He will be accompanied by Hon. Geo. Torrence, of Pontiac. A special invitation is extended to all voters to attend the meeting.

#### Register.

Every voter should become satisfied that his or her name is on the register list one week from next Tuesday. A poll list is hung out from each precinct—1st at town house and 2d at second hand store.

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