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STAR AND HERALD.

Our Gun Club is Enterprising.

The first annual shooting tournament under the auspices of the Dwight Gun Club will be held in Dwight on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 27 and 28, 1894. The tournament lasts two days, and there bids fair to be many strangers and crack shots in town. The following are the shoots:

FIRST DAY.	
No. 1—Ten single	\$1 00
" 2—Fifteen single	1 50
" 3—Seven live pigeons	2 50
" 4—Ten single	1 25
" 5—Twelve single	1 30
" 6—Fifteen single	1 50
" 7—Five live pigeons	2 00
" 8—Ten single	1 25
" 9—Twelve single	1 30
" 10—Ten live pigeons	3 50
SECOND DAY.	
No. 11—Ten single	\$1 00
" 12—Fifteen single	1 50
" 13—Seven live pigeons	2 50
" 14—Ten single	1 25
" 15—Fifteen single	1 50
" 16—Five live pigeons	2 00
" 17—Ten single	1 00
" 18—Twelve single	1 25
" 19—Ten single	1 00
" 20—Ten live pigeons	3 50

Live birds, 15 cents; blue rocks, 2 cents. Professionals are barred. The club has a good warm club-house, and fine shooting grounds. Dwight has excellent hotel accommodations at from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per day, according as one's pocket-book bulges out.

The officers of the club are as follows: J. R. Oughton, president; C. V. Bower, secretary; L. S. Hauke, captain, Executive Com.; J. R. Oughton, C. V. Bower, Geo. Tate, L. S. Hauke, Robt. Orr.

The invitation is general and it is assured that all who come will receive a warm welcome and will enjoy their visit.

Secretary Bower has heard from several people in Peoria and other places who will be present, and there bids fair to be a large crowd.

The great marksman, Col. Bogardus, may be present and give an exhibition shoot. Of course he could not enter in any of the regular shoots as he is a professional.

The Dwight boys had a practice shoot Tuesday of this week.

Elections.

The Dwight Post, G. A. R., elected the following officers Tuesday evening at the regular meeting: Commanded, C. W. Ayling; senior vice, A. G. Huey; junior vice, G. A. Seymour; quartermaster, Jas. Williams; chaplain, E. F. Wright; O. D., Thos. Weldon; O. G., M. Seabert; surg., M. Rinehart; adjutant, F. W. Ford; delegate, Thos. Weldon; alternate, G. A. Seymour. We understand Jer. Weller will be appointed quartermaster sergeant. This is a splendid list of officers and the future for the year is well provided for.

Hebron Lodge No. 175 K. of P. elected the following officers at their last regular meeting: C. C. Prime, Wm. T. Prime, V. C. A. J. Diefenbach; K. of R. and S., G. L. Kern; M. of F. S. P. Klitz; M. of E., John Leach; Prelate, Frank Reeb; M. of A., C. Skaffgard; M. of W. S. Johnson.

The Illini Club elected officers at their meeting Saturday evening as follows: President, John G. Goodspeed; V. P., Chad D. Bell; recording secretary, Chas. J. Perry; treas., Wm. Geis; marshal, Howe P. Parker.

The order of Eastern Star elected the following officers at their last meeting: W. M., Mrs. John Leach; W. P., C. W. Ayling; A. M., Mrs. Geo. L. Taylor; Sec., Mrs. V. C. Goodman; Treas., Mrs. Carl Miller; Conductor, Mrs. B. A. Buck; Asso. Con., Mrs. W. H. Doty.

Creditable to the Alton.

Recently the C. & A. railway issued an order prohibiting an employe from entering a saloon, either on or off duty, or drinking anything from beer to spirits, under any circumstances. The Bloomington Bulletin learns that the liquor dealers and brewers are preparing to boycott the Alton in the matter of freight business, using other lines exclusively. The liquor dealers say they make no protest against orders to compel men to refrain from drinking while on duty, but regard the last ukase as a violation of personal liberty.—Streator Free Press.

The above order is very creditable to the management of the Alton road, and they will never lose anything by it in the end. Any railroad company which shows disposition to protect its passengers from accidents will succeed, and the day will come when the Alton order will be general all over the United States, and the sooner the better. Such an abridgement of personal liberty—so-called—is good thing. There have been thousands of men at Dwight for having enjoyed too much personal liberty for their own good.

Hibner—Young.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hibner, six miles east of Gardner, Monday, December 17, 1894, at high noon, Rev. C. W. Ayling, pastor of the first M. E. church, Dwight, officiating. Mr. Peter J. Young, of Dwight, Ill., and Miss Clara A. Hibner, of Reddick, Ill.

A most excellent dinner was served, to which a large number of good friends gathered down. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Young will take pleasure in extending congratulations and best wishes. We understand that they will reside at Wabash, Ind., for the present.

Home Talent.

The recent success of the home talent entertainments has shown conclusively that Dwight has plenty of excellent talent, and also that the people like the idea first-rate. Why not organize a home entertainment society composed of members from all societies who wish to join, and give a series of home entertainments?

The Y's.

It is worthy of note that the Y's had an entertainment, a fair and a supper combined, and there was no storm. The weather was delightful, but there is no telling what would have happened if it had been held out of doors.

The tripple attraction was held in the M. E. church lecture room Tuesday evening, the lunch commencing at 5 p. m. The crowd began to pour in that time and became larger and larger until a person could hardly move. Everyone was talking at once, and if a person should happen to want to hear himself think he couldn't do it.

The lunch was nice and served nicely by the young ladies. The doll bazaar was a great attraction, and included dolls of all ages, nationalities colors, shapes, sizes, prices, and all went without regard to present or future condition of servitude. They were dressed in silks, satins, bonnets, hats, cloaks, shoes and stockings, or in anything to fit the size of your pocket book. There were hammocks, beds, doll cabs and other attractions, and they all went. The candy bazaar included lots of sweets of different colors and tastes, and they all went. The grab bag included in its mysterious depths almost everything on earth and some things beneath the earth, and if you paid a nickel put your hand in and shut your eyes and held your breath, the good Lord only knew what you would get—and he wouldn't tell—they all went. Everything went except the pretty girls and that will be only a matter of time.

About 8 o'clock a very pretty, live doll program was presented. The first number was a very pretty doll song by ten little girls. The second was a recitation by Arthur Haise, the third a song by little Miss Trueman, the fourth a recitation by the little Naffizgers and Haises. The fifth a very nice recitation by little Mary Prime. The selections and rendering were all very pretty. The young ladies of the Y's are very thankful to all who so kindly assisted them, and to the public for their liberal patronage.

Electric Railways for Country Roads.

I shall never cease to be interested in the question of country roads. It is true I "drag my weary length along" over railroads much more than I ever shall again over "Country Roads." Yet I trust I shall never be so selfish and consider my own comfort to the exclusion of those among whom I have lived so many pleasant years. I have changed greatly during the last two or three years my ideas on the final outcome of this question. Like everything else it is a part and parcel of the world's progress and the observing traveler always notes a higher state of civilization, more creature comforts, more social pleasures, and general benefits to the community at large where we see a system of country roads which are "navigable" at all seasons of the year. Last fall, just about this time, probably a little earlier, when I made a most delightful journey through New England with my friend and companion, Major Judd, I saw a great deal of Electric Railway, running away out into the suburbs of large cities, and also they were beginning to build them in villages of the population of Dwight, with a definite idea of making a perfect network of Electric Railways. I remember remarking to the Major that I believed if we lived long enough we would see electricity solve the country road problem. I still think so to-day. I see by recent papers some very interesting facts connected with the building of country roads in the state of Ohio. Roads running out of the large cities into the country, where Macadam roads had been made, farm property had not materially increased in value. But where electric roads had been built, there was a decided advance in all farms by which the road ran. I used to think that farmers were benefited more than any other class of people by a system of good roads. I do not think so any more. The village, the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, would all go to the stall if the farmers could not get in and exchange their products at our country stores. Good roads in my opinion, will never come except through density of population and compulsion. The expense also ought to be met by the state, by the county, township and village. I am still an unbeliever in special class legislation. S. THORNTON K. PRIME.

The Dwight Campfire.

The campfire at Dwight Tuesday evening was the occasion of a large gathering of people, many coming from a distance. The exercises of the evening were opened by an address by Commander H. H. McDowell, of this city, and the audience was delighted and filled with new and stronger impulses of patriotism by his brilliant oratory. The other features of the evening were army scenes vividly presented in tableaux, and some of them had the dialogue scenes to make them more realistic. There was also some very fine music. The fine Italian harp of Brothert Dustin became apparent in several gags, especially when Pontiac was likened to the hind leg of a government mule. It had a "Strawing" kick. Thus was the score at the "Union Spy" entertainment made even. The entertainment in every respect reflected upon all who participated. The fine opera house proved a splendid place for the entertainment.—Pontiac Sentinel.

"American Patriots."

We have made arrangements to supply any of our readers with the above pretty parlor game. It is similar to "Authors" only it is historical, and deals with great men and principal events of American history. The cards are put up in a neat box, and sell at retail for 50 cents.

To our subscribers who pay in advance and 15 cents extra—\$1.40—we will give "American Patriots." Call at this office and see the game.

Catholic Fair.

It is the intention of the members of the Catholic church of Dwight and vicinity to erect a new house of worship to cost from \$12,000 to \$15,000, and already secured. Rev. Father Moore has worked ever since his pastorate here to bring about this much needed improvement, and now he has the end in sight.

For the purpose of adding to the fund already secured, the society will hold a grand fair in Dwight for one week, commencing January 7, 1895. The ladies and gentlemen of the church are already at work, committees have been appointed, and work commenced in earnest. The splendid success, which have met with splendid success, and the fair is sure to be a grand affair. It will be held in Keiplinger's hall, and everything will be nicely arranged. It is the intention of the committee to have on sale fancy and useful articles of every description, price and style—in fact almost anything anybody wants. The best of meals will be served.

The following articles have already been donated, and we expect to publish more soon:

- Good watch and chain, Miller Bros.
- \$10 gold piece, Barr & Davis.
- Silver tea and coffee set, W. Williams & Smith.
- Ten silver dollars, Geo. Z. Flagler.
- Star radiator heating stove, B. A. Buck.
- Sponge cake or pound cake, Philip Weicker.
- 500 feet of lumber, W. H. Conrad.
- 25 pounds of coffee, Baker Bros.
- One set of silver forks, Eugene Flagler.
- Fine large album, G. A. Seymour.
- Complete set of dishes, N. Nommensson.
- One barrel of flour, George Kern.
- One quarter of dressed beef, Scott & McDougal.
- Large family bible, Benziger Bros., Chicago.
- Five boxes of cigars, Quan & Co., Chicago.

Following is the committee of pastor laymen in charge: Rev. F. B. Moore, James Kelagher, Austin Gibbons, Peter Heinen, Jacob Christianman, Jas. Williams, F. Ribordy, Mr. Heineu is elected treasurer.

Stand by Your Town.

Last Sunday evening Rev. Wright, the Congregational pastor, preached a sermon from the following text: "And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the Lord for it; for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace."—Jeremiah 29-7.

Mr. Wright, in quoting the text, said it not only applied to a man standing by his family, church, but to the place we live in. The speaker said it had been his fortune to travel a great deal, and he never yet had lived in any place which suited him as better than Dwight. He had been offered charges in larger places—even in Chicago—but he liked Dwight and came here. The longer he lives here the better he likes it, and the people in it, and never missed a chance to say a good word for it. He was very sorry to say that there were some men in every community who seem to take a delight in running down their own town. He had no use for that class, and believed they were sinners—that they were certainly sinning against their neighbors and that was a sin against God. He believed it was the christian duty of all residents to always speak a good word for their home. Mr. Wright's sermon met with the approval of the congregation and was spoken highly of by those present. He expresses the views of the STAR AND HERALD for all time. Stand by your home.

Overlooked.

One of the most important features of the recent G. A. R. entertainment, was overlooked by us last week. We refer to the excellent recitation delivered by Prof. L. B. Hudson, entitled "The Sleeping Sentinel." It was very fine and the delivery unexcelled.

The societies interested wish to remember their sincere thanks to Commander H. H. McDowell and Adjut. Gen. Spink, Mr. Hudson, Misses Lower, Barr, Hney and Barr, the ladies quartet; Mrs. Howlet, Miss Addie Penn, Miss Malie Huey, Miss Cora Adams, D. B. Stevens, E. K. Ayling, and every one who in any way contributed to the grand success of the entertainments.

Maskerade Bal.

Freden Loge 34, D. B. S., affholder derses 5te aarlige Maskerade i Lyceum Hall, Dwight, Ill., Fredagen den 28 Dec, 1894. Hvortel alle Danske venligst indbydes. Der vil blive uddelt 5 premier, 2 til herrer og 3 til Damer. Aftensprogrammet foregaar kl. 11 hvorefter Premierne fordeles. God musik garanteres. Kom een kom alle, og tilbring en fornøielig aften. Prisen paa Billetter er 75 cts Parret 25 cts for Damer uden Herre Eskort. KOM.

Holiday Excursions.

The time to travel cheaply will be during the holidays. Spend Christmas and New Years with friends. Special holiday excursion tickets on the Nickel Plate Road will be on sale Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1. Good returning until Jan. 2, 1895. Before purchasing tickets call on or address ticket agent of the Nickel Plate Road, or address J. Y. Calahan, general agent, 199 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. Dec. 15/94

Rev. Wang.

Rev. J. F. S. Wang, a native born christian, who has spent some time in our schools fitting himself for missionary work among his own people, will occupy the pulpit of the first M. E. church, Sabbath evening. His service in the M. E. church of Pontiac, last Sabbath evening, is very highly spoken of.