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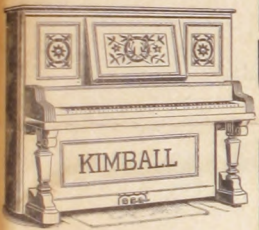
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
Is What We Wish You All, and We Wish to Return Thanks for Many Kindnesses.

Once more we have reached the end of a year—and it has been a fairly prosperous one with us, considering the times. We have no cause to complain and hope all feel the same, so that during these joyous days of peace and love all is well with all of us. It has been customary each year for the STAR AND HERALD to tell the readers something regarding its prosperity.

The paper has constantly increased in circulation during 1894, until now we send out over thirteen hundred copies each week. Nearly half that number are sent through the Dwight postoffice to those who get their mail here; probably a quarter of them to neighboring towns; and the remaining quarter to those people who have moved away, and copies sent to relatives and friends at a distance. The constant increase in circulation, with out any particular effort as far as soliciting is concerned, is undoubtedly due to the influence of good, enterprising correspondents in different localities. Through their efforts there is a gradual widening out in news-gathering. This paper has more and better correspondents than any weekly newspaper in this part of the state. We feel greatly under obligations to them and wish to thus publicly acknowledge our thanks.

Of course the increase in circulation of any newspaper adds greatly to its influence as an advertising medium. While many of our neighboring papers take a spurt once in a while and have lots of advertising, we know of none of them having more regular advertising than the STAR AND HERALD. The business men of Dwight generally realize the value of a newspaper in a community, and are making advertising a legitimate part of their business and are setting aside so much each year for that purpose. There are some who have held off for reasons best known to themselves. We invite all our business men to think over the matter, and decide to take regular space, and contract with us for 1895. We believe we can prove to any business man that regular, systematic advertising pays. We know that the reading public depend much more than formerly upon the advertising announcements of the home paper when trading. We know this because they tell us so. They also say that if the merchant wants their trade let him say so, and it is not a bad rule to follow.

Also with the growth of a newspaper the auxiliary job printing business increases, and ours is no exception. Our job work outside of Dwight is as large again as in 1893, and is on the increase. The office has kept pace with the times as regards material and style. There is no person who can honestly say that our work is not first-class or our prices fair.

We wish to return our sincere thanks to all our readers and those who should be, and wish you all a happy and prosperous year in 1895.

With the next issue of the STAR AND HERALD we commence printing all at home, and will be the only eight-page paper in Livingston county which is so issued. We shall commence to run a serial story—a historical western (no blind and tender) romance by Captain Jack Crawford, who is well-known in Dwight—with that number, and will continue during the year. Talmage's sermons will be used and the general news in a condensed form will be given and we shall have complete control of our advertising columns.

It will be the constant effort of the managers to reach out in different directions for subscribers and business and thereby not only benefit ourselves, but bring Dwight and neighborhood more prominently to the front all the time.

#### The Columbia Desk Calendar.

For ten years the desk calendar issued by the Pope Manufacturing Co., has held a unique place among business helpers. Each daily leaf during that time has taught its quiet lesson of the value of better roads and outdoor exercise, and especially the benefits of bicycling. The calendar of 1895, which is just issued, is even brighter than its predecessors in appearance, as clever artists have added dainty silhouette and sketch to the usual wise and witty contributions that have heretofore given this popular calendar its charm. It can be had for five 2-cent stamps from the Pope Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn., or from any Columbia bicycle agency.

**Christmas.**  
At the Congregational church a very nice program was arranged and the church was decorated. An old fashioned fireplace was arranged in the northeast corner, and of course old Santa Claus came down, and after the program distributed bags of goodies to all. Following is the program:  
Music—"Glad Bells," by the boys.  
Recitation, Bertha Murphy.  
Music—"Banner of Our King," school.  
Recitation—"Selfish Little Tommy," George Kern.  
Star, seven little girls.  
Music—"Ring the Bells," school.  
Recitation—Lila Barr.  
Music—"Clap Your Hands for Joy," infant class.  
Recitation, Bessie Beahler.  
Music—"Hallelujah to the King," school.  
Recitation—Bonnie Baker.  
Sitting up for Santa Claus.

#### "King Winter."

That was the title of a pretty cantata rendered at the M. E. church on Christmas eve by the young people of the Sunday school. The affair was arranged and carried out by the children and younger members of the school and the whole entertainment was most pleasing. The church was jammed with young and old and none were disappointed. The front of the church was reserved for the members of the school who came in a body. The feature of the program most worthy of mention was the music, which consisted of solos, duets, quartets and choruses, all excellent, the kinder chorus and the court of slumberland making nice music. The accompaniments were played by the Misses McWilliams, and D. B. Stevens was musical director. The dialogues by the boys and girls were bright and very lively, and entered into with good spirit. Then at last came the good old elf, without whose presence no Christmas entertainment would look just right, and when he had greeted the merry little folks and left an abundance of good things, the evening's enjoyment closed and all went home to hang up their stockings, and be thankful to the M. E. Sunday school for another pleasant Christmas eve.

#### Grand Jurors.

The following named gentlemen have been selected as grand jurors for the January term of Livingston county circuit court, commencing Tuesday, January 1, 1895:  
Dwight—Ed. Lorrin.  
Nebraska—Thos. Dillon, Flanagan.  
Long Point—James Goldsmith, Long Point.  
Germanville—Isaac Day, Melvin.  
Pike—John T. Phillips, Chenoa.  
Books Creek—George Potter, Graymont.  
Amity—Z. F. Carroll, Cornell.  
Newtown—W. L. Dice, Manville.  
Broughton—Leroy L. Lowger, Camp-  
us.  
Esmen—R. J. Curtis, Rowe.  
Sunbury—E. A. Applegate, Blackstone.  
Belle Prairie—J. F. Masterson, Fairbury.  
Indian Grove—George Crouch, Fairbury.  
Avoca—Hugh Robinson, Fairbury.  
Owego—M. C. Sneath, Pontiac.  
Pontiac—J. A. Marsh, Pontiac.  
Nevada—J. J. Kelly, Nevada.  
Fayette—John Goebel, Strawn.  
Forrest—B. M. Bullard, Forrest.  
Sauemin—W. E. Slyder, Sauemin.  
Union—J. A. Jones, Odell.  
Round Grove—Elmer Clover, Wilson.  
Charlotte—F. F. Desmond, Chatsworth.

#### Petit Jurors.

Following is the petit jury for the first two weeks, commencing January 1, 1895, in Reading—W. A. Busher, A. H. Patterson; Odell—P. Cain; Nevada—P. E. Riordan; Union—Edwin Jones; Dwight—Isaac Perry, Albert Terwilliger, E. H. Ditus; Round Grove—Thos. Olanoy; Second two weeks, January 14, 1895, in Reading—Robt. Kain, John Coupples; Sunbury—James Scott, J. E. Runny; Odell—John Wolf; Nevada—Steven J. Lyons; Union—John Telford; Dwight—P. G. Buehler, W. P. Wright.

#### Postponed Sale.

The undersigned is preparing to move to Iowa, and will sell at his residence, three and one-half miles south of Dwight and one mile north and six miles west of Campus, on Monday, Dec. 31, 1894, at 10 o'clock, a. m. sharp, the following property, to wit: four head of horses, consisting of one black mare 12 years old, one black horse five years old, one gray mare four years old, one bay mare coming three years old, six head of milk cows, all giving milk. Farming implements, consisting of one steel frame Deering binder, one mower, one hay rake, one riding plow, three walking plows, three cut-watcers, one fanning mill, one land roller, two drags, one truck wagon, two single buglies, one road cart, two hay racks, one water tank, one corn planter and eighty rods of wire, also household goods and other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms: All sums of \$5 and under, cash; on all sums over that amount a credit of twelve months will be given on notes of approved security, without interest, if paid when due. If not paid when due 7 per cent interest will be charged. From a discount of 7 per cent will be given for cash on all sums over \$5.

JOHN KORRETT.  
C. A. HILL, Auctioneer.

**Reduced Rates via Nickel Plate Road.**  
The Nickel Plate Road will sell holiday excursion tickets at very low rates during the holidays as follows: December 24, 25, 31 and January 1 Good returning until January 2 1895. M 51 Dec. 1894

**M. W. A.**  
The state camp of Illinois of the Modern Woodman of America met at Springfield Thursday of this week, there being over 800 delegates present—one from every camp. W. G. Dustin was delegate from the Dwight camp. The meeting was the most enthusiastic ever held in the state and more so than some of the head camps. Captain O. F. Avery, of Pontiac, represented the camp there; C. H. Keck, Fairbury; Mr. Doose, Emington; Charlie Axt, Odell, and Mr. Miles, Cornell, and several others from Livingston county whose names we did not learn.

The following officers of the state head camp were elected for the following two years:

Consul—Dr. E. H. Miller, Piper City.  
Worthy Advisor—W. H. Black, Decatur.  
Banker—J. S. Daily, Chillicothe.  
Clerk—George Robinson, Elgin.  
Watchman—Thomas Williamson, Mount Olive.  
Escort—W. G. Dustin, Dwight.  
Sentinel—J. W. Schreiner, Okawville.

Physician—Dr. J. F. Dicus, Streator.  
Chaplain—E. F. Wright, Dwight.  
The same board of trustees and auditing committee were named.

Delegates were elected to the head camp to be held at Madison, Wis., June 4, 1895, including the following from the Eleventh congressional district:

Delegates—Bureau county, C. E. Shugart; Woodford, R. E. Somers; LaSalle, W. Blanchard, Mendota, and J. F. Bursock, Sheridan; Livingston, O. F. Avery, Pontiac.  
Alternates—J. S. Hills, Herman Letz, J. M. Hannum, R. J. Boyd, C. H. Keck.

#### Sorrowful Sudden Death.

Mr. Herman Roeder, from Holstein, Neb., the man who came here to solicit aid for the poor, suffering settlers in that state, died quite suddenly last Sunday evening at the residence of Rev. B. C. Wagner, where he was stopping. The man was here on an errand of mercy and became discouraged and was taken sick and died. All was done for him that could be by kind attention and medical attendance. One particularly sad feature was that the man's family was telegraphed to, but they had not enough money to have the remains sent to them and the interment took place here. The deceased leaves a wife and seven children in destitute circumstances.

We are indebted to Mr. Wagner for the facts in the case.

#### Bar Docket.

We are in receipt of the Livingston county circuit court bar docket for the January term, 1895, commencing one week from next Monday. There are only ten people's cases returned. There are 120 common law cases docketed and 79 chancery. We notice that No. 99 on the chancery docket the case of Austin Gibbons, administrator, vs. the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company. This is a case of damage brought against the road on account of the death of Thomas Comerford in October. R. S. McIliduff is the attorney for the plaintiff, and C. C. Strawn is the regular company attorney. It looks as if the case was a good one.

We are in receipt of Vol. 2, No. 1, of The Outlook, a "monthly religious journal, devoted to the kingdom of God, particularly in Odell, Dwight and vicinity." The Outlook is an eight page paper, four columns to the page, and is ably edited by Rev. I. J. Swanson, of Odell, and Rev. E. F. Wright, of Dwight. It presents a handsome appearance, and the contents are very interesting and instructive. The subscription price is but 25 cents per year, which is very cheap, and there should be a large list of subscribers. The advertising matter is from Odell and Dwight, and none but substantial business men are represented. Of course the handsome paper is printed at the STAR AND HERALD office, where nothing but nice work is ever turned out.

#### 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, 190 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. Dec. 15/93

#### "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.

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